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LATEST from the Finals

WE'RE through to the second round of the World Cup — and now I'm prepared to bet that even the hot-shot Brazilians will have their work cut out to stop us!

England are playing magnificently. I'm proud of the way they took maximum points from France and Czechoslovakia in our first two games to guarantee qualification from Group Four.

The only team that looks like giving us any trouble is Brazil. The way they've played so far would cause any team trouble.

They've got people raving about them — and quite rightly so. They proved in their game with Russia that even against a side playing well — maybe even above themselves — they can still do it.

But England are the team that could beat them. No one has yet caused us any trouble. No one has even got near us. When the Russians got in behind the Brazilians you could see those little defensive cracks beginning to open. It proved they are vulnerable and that is a weakness that can be exploited.

Their long range shooting is in a different class but so far they haven't created much inside the box and we must have a chance if we can keep them at a distance. Keepers of the class of Shilton, Clemence and Corrigan take some beating from 25 yards.

Out two excellent results against the French and Czechs helped lift me. It's depressing enough being injured, but just think how I would have felt if things had been going badly for the team as well.

The French game got us off to a tremendous start. We didn't just win it — we played well and we scored good goals.



DIRECT FROM SPAIN KEVIN KEEGAN

Match Weekly has pulled out all the stops to bring you the most comprehensive, most colourful and most readable World Cup coverage available.

Our round-the-clock shifts, special deadlines and speedy return of pictures from Spain means that no other weekly football magazine in Britain — and possibly the World — can provide such up-to-the-minute coverage.

Here, Kevin Keegan and Trevor Francis talk to Match after England had qualified for the second round.

The French are not a bad side. We knew that before we went to Spain, but we were clearly the better team and that has to omen well for the rest of the tournament.

That game taught us all about the problems we are going to encounter with the incredibly high temperatures out here in Spain. On average each player is losing five to six pounds in fluid during a game.

But the heartening thing is that we have come through it well and in both games we have finished the stronger, fitter side.

With a good drink at half-time — hot tea, cold tea, water, orange, a vitamin drink but definitely nothing fizzy — the lads are lasting the pace well. And each game they play is getting them better acclimatised.

There was a different more humid type of heat for the Czech game but conditions were equally difficult.

It didn't seem to worry England. We deserved to win and the result was right. I felt we were at least two goals better and we

WE'RE

Now even Brazil can be beaten by magnificent England

played them just right. There was only one team in it, although funnily enough we didn't get our goals from our best chances.

To be honest I was disappointed with the Czechs. It was obvious they would have been delighted with a draw and even when we stuck two goals in they didn't come back at us.

There were 23 minutes left when we scored our second, but they just seemed to take the attitude 'we don't want to get beaten by more than two' instead of trying to pull them back.

The Czechs didn't create half as many problems as the French, who had tried to do something about it when we took the lead after only 27 seconds through Bryan Robson.

They seemed to lack drive. At least the French had people like Platini and Giresse who you

knew you had to keep and eye on, but none of the Czechs really stood out on the night.

I have seen nearly all the games out here so far and the Eastern European countries as a whole — with the possible exception of Russia — have disappointed me.

They seem to lack something. I'll call it zest for want of a better word. To me their performances have looked lethargic. Take Hungary for instance. They never gave Argentina any problems at all going down 4-1. The Poles have been the same.

My disappointment with some teams is matched by my admiration for some of the so-called no-hopers — teams like Honduras, Cameroon and Algeria who have helped make this great World Cup by proving a match for the world's best.

They seem to possess a

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FRANCIS GETS HIS WORLD STAGE

TREVOR Francis — a late replacement for injured England skipper Kevin Keegan and scorer of the crucial first goal against the Czechs says: 'I love the big occasion and my team-mates kept saying this would be the world stage I needed.'

'As a replacement for Kevin Keegan I was under additional pressure but I knew I was fighting for my place.'

'I was pleased with my performance against the French even though I was disappointed that I didn't score.'

'However I knew it didn't really matter as long as England won.'

'I was told my pace might frighten the French and I was pleased with my performance overall.'

'To score our first goal against Czechoslovakia was great although I don't miss from two yards!'

The goal came from a mistake by Czech goalkeeper Seman when he allowed a Ray Wilkins corner to slip through his hands.

And says Trevor: 'We had practised corners the day before the game but we forgot to try it with the goalkeeper passing the ball to me!'

Looking at the Czech game overall, Trevor says: 'Perhaps there was a little bit of luck about the goals but you get what you work for in this game and we worked for everything we got out here.'

'I felt we had things under control for most of the time and were a bit unlucky not to score in the first half.'

'Paul Mariner is claiming the second goal and good luck to him!'

Indeed 'Match' columnist Paul had scored in five successive internationals — equalling Jimmy Greaves' record — prior to the game against Czechoslovakia.

And he was keen to claim number six when his low 66th minute cross was turned into the net by defender Barmos to give England a 2-0 lead.

Says England manager Ron Greenwood: 'One could say that the goal was fortuitous but Paul is claiming it to keep up his record.'

'When we qualified for the World Cup Finals, people suggested we got in by the back door.'

'I said that once in Spain we might climb the front steps and we are half way up them now!'

THROUGH!



mixture of the Brazilian skills and techniques and the resilience of the Europeans. They certainly have a lot to offer.

The player that has really excited me the most — apart of course from people like Maradona and Eder — is the Honduras captain Ramon Madariaga. He is a delight to watch.

And one of the teams I most enjoy watching is Cameroon, despite their scandalous finishing! If only they could have taken their chances in their Group One match with Poland they would have had a hatful.

Another one of the 'outsiders' — Algeria — pulled off the biggest shock of the Finals by beating West Germany 2-1, but the Germans showed they still have a big say in this World Cup with their 4-1 win over Chile.

West Germany will have learned their lessons and at least now they have their setback behind them. Most teams have one during a World Cup and ours is still to come. Let's hope it's not a major one.

I still rate Germany in my top four — along with Brazil, Argentina and ourselves — and the way things have turned out we could be playing them in the next round.

It could be argued that we would have been better off finishing second in our group, but it's just not possible to plan it like that. I believe we must go out to win every game, taking them as they come and gaining confidence as we go along.

And the longer we go on winning the better my chances of playing. Although I was confined to bed for a couple of



The goal that took England into the second round. Trevor Francis follows in as Czech 'keeper Stanislav Seman sees a ball from Paul Mariner deflected off defender Jozef Barmos cross his line.

days when the back injury was at its worst, the specialist was encouraging a little movement at the beginning of this week and hopefully, by the time you read this, I will be approaching fitness and looking forward to challenging for a place.

I keep reminding myself that Geoff Hurst, now an England coach, didn't play until the quarter finals of the 1966 Finals but went on to score a hat-trick in the Final!

● Kevin Keegan was talking to Melvyn Bagnall

MATCH IS THE MAGAZINE FOR THE BEST WORLD CUP PICTURES AND STORIES!

Here we talk to the man who claimed the star role as England got off to a perfect start in Spain.



ENGLAND World Cup hero Bryan Robson has spoken of "the most marvellous 24 hours of my life".

Two goals and a starring role in England's marvellous opening victory over the French had already given Bryan that 'top of the world' feeling.

But the news that he woke to in his Bilbao hotel room the following morning was even better...

"I got a telephone call from my father-in-law back in England to say that my wife Denise had given birth to our second daughter, Charlotte, and both were doing fine," said the 25-year-old midfielder.

"It rounded off perfectly the most marvellous 24 hours of my life."

And it allowed him a good night's sleep the following night...

Bryan admits: "I was tired and mentally drained after the French match but I couldn't sleep all that much because I was restless for news from home."

"Now I can't wait to get home to celebrate."

England's performance against the French in their Group Three opener certainly gave cause for celebration on the football front.

The temperature reached an astonishing 105 degrees fahrenheit in the San Mames stadium but England made it even hotter for the French.

Paul Mariner scored a goal and lost an incredible 10lbs in weight.

But it was Bryan Robson who must have brought the biggest smile to the face of manager Ron Greenwood who was enjoying his 50th game in charge of the international team.

Less than half a minute of the match had gone before the Manchester United man stamped his mark...

Steve Coppell took a long throw from the right which found the head of Terry Butcher.

His backward flick found Robson who made no mistake with a downward volley. England



Above: On top of the world — that's Bryan Robson after scoring his and England's second goal against France.

Top left: One! Bryan crashes home England's first after just 27 seconds.

Left: Two! Bryan soars to send a perfect header past goalkeeper Ettori to give England a 2-1 lead.

BOUNCING!

A DAUGHTER FOR ENGLAND'S TWO GOAL HERO

were 1-0 up after just 27 seconds!

And that's almost sure to go down in the record books as the fastest goal ever scored in a World Cup Finals.

Ironically, the man who held the record, Bernard Lacombe, was watching from the stands having failed to make the French substitutes bench.

Says Bryan, who became Britain's most expensive footballer when he moved to United from West Brom for £1.7 million last October:

"Scoring goals in football is the greatest feeling."

"Scoring goals for your country, well, that's a little bit special."

"My two against France were certainly the two most important I have ever scored."

"I couldn't believe it when the first one went in so soon after the kick-off."

"But it doesn't matter who scores as long as England win."

Bryan admitted that all the players felt the heat inside the stadium but England coped with the temperature better than the French, who visibly wilted in the second half.

"I've never had to play in such intense heat before and it worried me for a while," says Bryan.

"But once we got going there was no time to think about anything else except the job in hand and that was to beat France."

"In the second half we began to push forward a lot more and that seemed to undermine the French midfield."

"I didn't think their two star midfielders Platini and Larios played that well either."

"The victory boosted our confidence considerably."

Following the game, former England hero Bobby Charlton tipped Bryan Robson to become a world-class player.

Said Bobby: "He is England's most authoritative player."

"I always thought he was a player of great potential — somebody who would stay at the top for a long time — and I am glad he has proved me right."

"I am looking forward to him becoming a world-class midfielder player and I'm sure he will be a great influence on the England team for years to come."



DIRECT FROM SPAIN GRAEME SOUNESS



Beaten by the World Cup winners!

SCOTLAND have played the World Cup winners.

I said before the tournament that Brazil were my favourites to lift the trophy and their fabulous 4-1 victory over us in Seville has just strengthened that view.

They are quite simply the best team in the world and there was no disgrace in our defeat.

From their goalkeeper Vladimir Peres they have 11 great footballers. You could turn the side inside out and play the full-back up front and the midfielders in defence and they'd still give any top side a game.

I thought we played quite well against them in the first half, but after that the stifling heat took its toll as the Brazilians moved into a higher gear.

It was fabulous to get the early goal through David Narey — and what a goal it was! Even a Brazilian would have been proud of it.

We were unlucky to concede the free-kick which led to the equaliser. It was never a foul. Alan Hansen didn't bring the Brazilian down — he dived.

Mind you, Zico's right-foot free-kick was a bit special. It was one of the best goals of the tournament so far.

I must accept the blame for Brazil's second goal. I must have fallen asleep because I didn't do my marking job on Oscar and he nipped in to score.

I'll take criticism for that and I accept it was my mistake.

MATCH is the magazine with the latest and greatest inside stories from Spain.

And it's the magazine with the top columnists!

Graeme Souness - Scotland's skipper for the crucial clash with Brazil - brings you his exclusive views, direct from Sotogrande.

After taking the lead there was only one team that was going to win and Brazil thoroughly deserved their victory.

I don't think a team from Northern Europe can win the trophy because the weather conditions in Spain suit the South Americans so perfectly.

The Brazilians and Argentines are used to the stifling heat. It's the hottest I've ever known in competitive football.

After about an hour your legs go and you just boil up. You pray for someone to get injured so that the trainer comes on and you can have a drink of water!

Even when you're having a kick-in before the game you feel the oppressive heat. Your shirt is soaked when you return to the dressing room.

I had the honour of skippering my country against the Brazilians and it was a tremendous thrill to lead the team against such a great side.

After the game, although I was tired out, I managed to summon up the energy to swap shirts with Brazil captain Socrates and that's a moment I shall cherish.

Obviously the Brazil game attracted most attention but I was very pleased with our performance against the New Zealanders.

We knew that it was going to be a tough game and that's just what it turned out to be.

All credit to the lads from 'down under'. They came at us and made a game of it.

We got off to a splendid start and had built up a 3-0 lead at half-time thanks to two goals from John Wark and one from my Liverpool colleague Kenny Dalglish.

We lost our way in the second half for a spell and allowed them to pull a couple of goals back. But I wasn't worried that they'd equalise.

I always knew that we'd win the game because we were attacking so much. In the end we hit another couple to make it 5-2. That's the most goals we've ever scored in a World Cup Finals.

By the time you read this our World Cup fate will have been settled following our vital game against the Russians.

But I must admit that the results before that game had gone as I thought they would in our group.

There have been some odd results elsewhere. Who'd have thought that the mighty West Germans would have been unseated by Algeria?

I wasn't surprised to see Spain held to a 1-1 draw by Honduras. They haven't impressed me and that could be good news for Northern Ireland.

England made an impressive start to their World Cup exploits and I believe that they can go a long way in the tournament. It will be a great boost for British football if all the Home Countries have qualified for the second stage.

I can't finish my column without making special mention of the Scottish support we've had out here. They've been tremendous and given all the players a lift.

At times against New Zealand and Brazil it was like being at Hampden Park. They were making that much noise.

● Graeme Souness was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

Turn to pages 30 and 31 for the **FIRST** colour pictures from Scotland's two opening World Cup games.

Left: Oscar heads Brazil's second goal despite my challenge as Frank Gray (3) looks on. I must accept the blame for the goal because I didn't do my marking job.



RON SEES HOW IT'S DONE!

The excitement rose in London's Lancaster Gate as England's Subbuteo champions prepared to meet soccer's man of the moment, Ron Greenwood.

Tough

The meeting took place at the F.A.'s headquarters. And it was there that 15 year old David Lambert and Warrington's Norman Gleave qualified for the Subbuteo World Cup in April. Said David of the competition, "It was tough".

Greenwood arrived with the press hot on his heels. And it was only after a hectic session with photographers that David and Norman could talk with Ron.

Prospects

Ron asked them what they thought of their prospects for the Cup? "With a lot of practise I'd say we stand a good chance," said David. And Norman, who reached the last Subbuteo World Cup in 1978 added, "In international matches you have to alter your game, as tactics vary from country to country". Ron said this happened in real-life soccer too.

Before he left, Ron had

time for a quick game of Subbuteo – and the odd tip from the experts!

Cup Edition

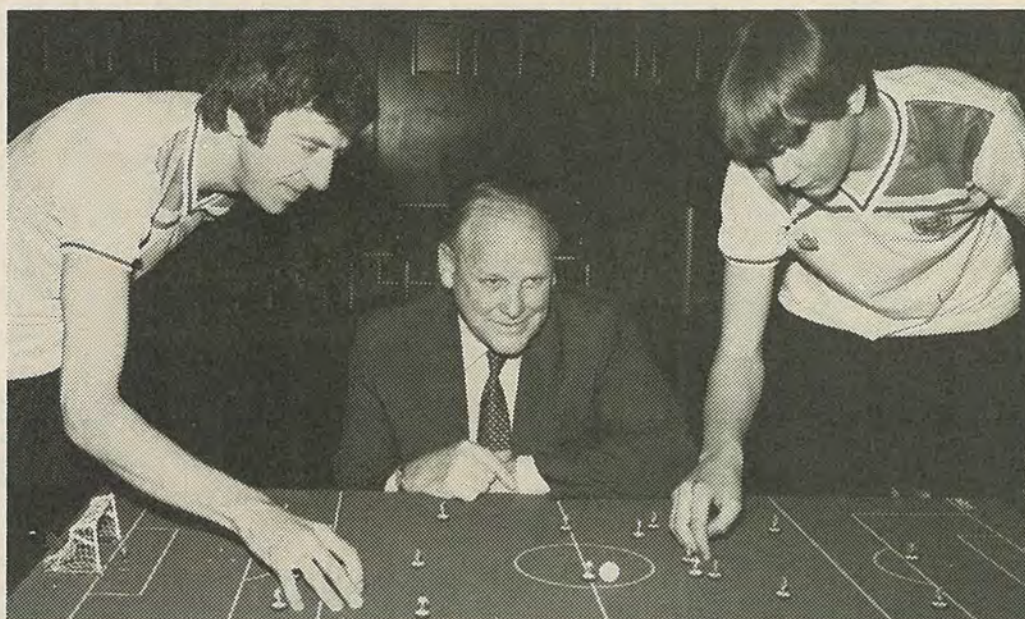
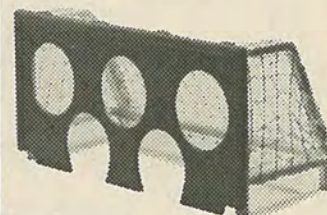
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ARSENAL'S John Hollins, OBE, the grand old man of the First Division, hopes to crown his 20th and possibly last season in the top flight by winning his first Championship medal.

That's the only domestic honour that has eluded one of soccer's great ambassadors, who was recently awarded the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's birthday honours.

"I would dearly love to win the title. That's the only ambition I have left," says John, who will be 36 when the new season kicks off in August.

"I went close on a couple of occasions with Chelsea and Queen's Park Rangers. It would be nice to achieve it next season.

"Arsenal have given me another year's contract, and, although I want to play as long as possible in the First Division, I suppose this could be my last fling."

And John, who has missed only half a dozen League games in the past two seasons, believes Arsenal now have the potential to unseat Liverpool.

"We finished fifth last season with a fairly young and inexperienced side and on a very small budget," says John, a veteran of 691 First Division matches.

"Young players like Chris Whyte, Paul Davis and Stewart Robson should have benefited from last season, and, with the addition of two world class players, our chances look bright.

"With the signings of Yugoslavia skipper Vladimir Petrovic in midfield and England striker Tony Woodcock, we are getting strength where we needed it last season."

But John, capped once by England in 1967, doesn't know whether he'll be in the Arsenal starting line-up.

"I can't really say until I have completed the pre-season training," he says.

"If I'm not lagging behind the others and I come through the tough pre-season build-up, then I should be all right.

"I've not struggled in the past, and so I'm keeping my fingers crossed again.

"I didn't expect to survive my three-year contract with Arsenal, but I managed it and I jumped at the offer of another year."

John, who alternated between right back and midfield last season, claims he has found life in the First Division easier as time has unfolded.

"When you are younger, you tend to play at 300mph," he explains.

"Now I rely more on experience and my reading of the game. I don't need to roar about now to complete the job I am given.

"I am also playing with better players and the standard of the First Division has, unfortunately, fallen over the years.

"A few years ago, every match in the First Division was difficult, but now it's the same four or five teams at the top every season. There are games now where you know you won't be beaten.

"One of the problems is that some of the younger players feel they have made it at 17 and 18 and don't have the impetus to get any better.

"I know it's a short life, but young players nowadays are probably getting too much money too soon and they don't have the desire to work their way to the top."

John intends to remain in football when his First Division days are over.

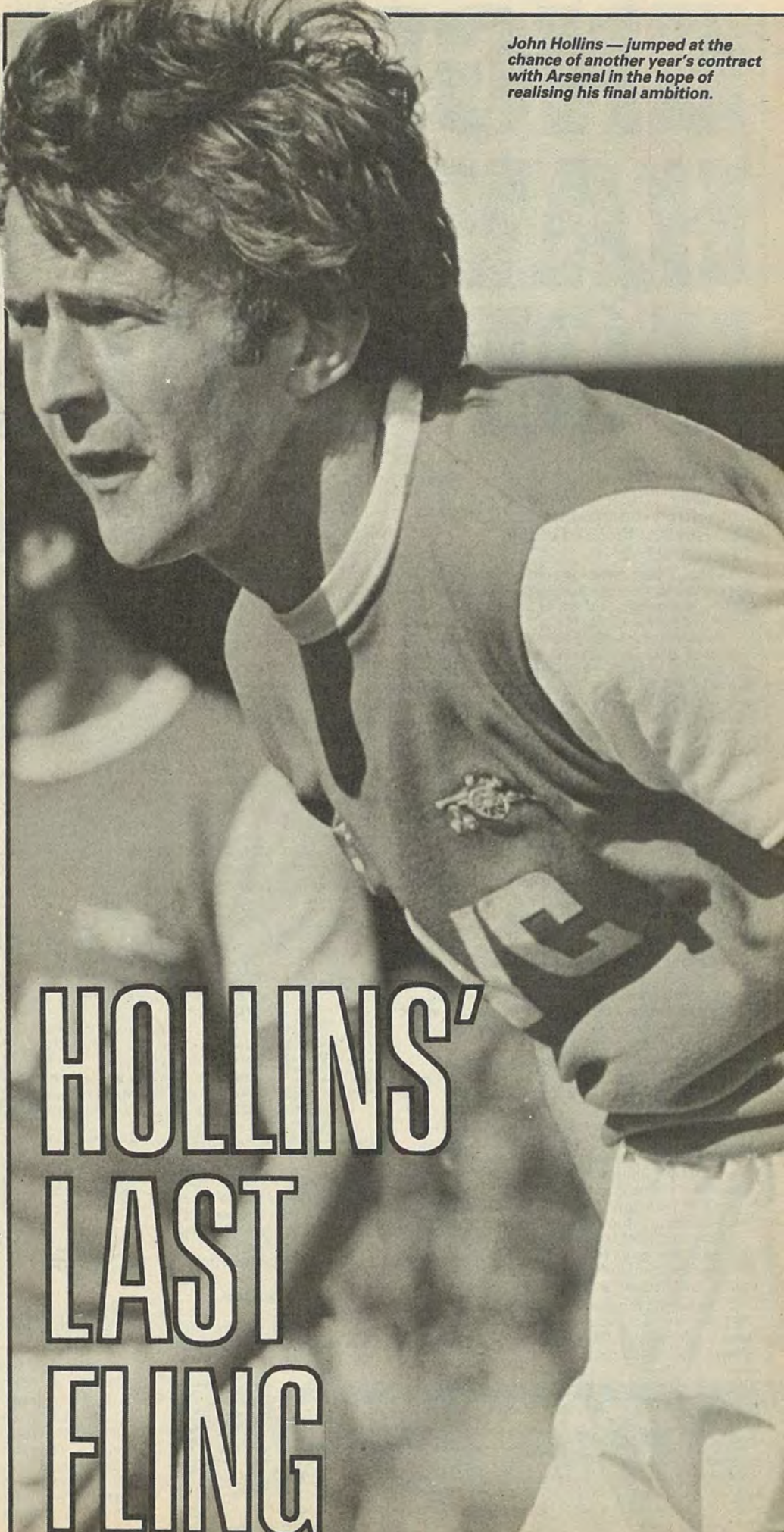
"Football has been my whole life and I have enjoyed every minute.

"I have already received offers regarding management jobs which is very encouraging, but at the moment I want another season in the First Division before considering the future.

"I want to go into management eventually but I haven't made any plans about retiring from playing.

"There have been too many players in the past who have retired early and then regretted it."

John Hollins — jumped at the chance of another year's contract with Arsenal in the hope of realising his final ambition.



HOLLINS' LAST FLING

ENGLAND HAVE TOP SQUAD

Eusebio
tells
'Match'

Spanish
notebook

WORLD CUP SAYINGS

ENGLAND, Brazil, Argentina and West Germany. Those were the teams Eusebio picked to fight out the World Cup Finals at the start of the tournament.

Eusebio, best remembered by British fans for his performances during the 1966 World Cup Finals in England when he scored nine goals for Portugal, said:

"England arrived in Spain with the best squad of all the competing nations.

"Kevin Keegan, Ray Clemence, Trevor Francis, Trevor Brooking and Tony Woodcock are all world-beaters and no other team manager has that strength in depth."

The only thing that Eusebio questioned was England's ability to score goals...

"If they have taken their chances in the early games, it will be easier as the days go by because their confidence will build."

Brazil remained Eusebio's favourites to lift the trophy, however.

"They have everything," he told 'Match Weekly'.

"Their skill in getting into scoring positions very quickly is really important in a competition like this. They have re-established their flair for the impossible."

Eusebio suggested a Brazil versus West Germany final would be very good for the game...

"We would have the best of both worlds — the organisation and patience which the West Germans are famous for against the flair and Latin magic of the Brazilians."

Every World Cup Finals has thrown up a surprise team and Eusebio clearly remembers North Korea — the team that caused the shock of 1966.

They became the darlings of North East football fans when they beat the mighty Italians 1-0 at Ayresome Park to qualify for the Quarter-Finals and a meeting with Eusebio's Portugal.

And, at half-time, the Koreans sensationally led 3-2 after having gone 3-0 up at one stage!

"They had nothing to lose, threw caution to the wind and gave us all sorts of problems," recalled Eusebio, who scored four goals in the game as Portugal ran out 5-3 winners.

"The team I fancied to cause surprises were Russia. They are extremely well organised and in Blokhin and Shengelia they have two World class players."



Diego Maradona (left) in action against Belgium in the opener — "If he fails to obey orders he should be dropped," said Terry Venables.

DROP DIEGO

ARGENTINIAN super star Diego Maradona didn't impress England spy Terry Venables in their opening 1-0 defeat by Belgium.

The Queen's Park Rangers manager commented: "I was bitterly disappointed with his performance.

"We all know that he is going to play for Barcelona next season and it seemed he was more interested in showing the fans how clever he is rather than playing for the team. If he fails to obey orders, then he should be dropped."

ENGLAND goalkeeper Peter Shilton learned he had been handed the number one spot for the France game from his great rival Ray Clemence!

"The first I knew about it was when Ray came over, tapped me on the head and said 'well done'.

"Obviously it was a blow for Ray as it would have been for me. I hope I would have taken

Ray tells Peter 'You're in'

the news in the same way he did."

Added England boss Ron Greenwood: "It was a hard decision to make. Ray was unlucky in that club commitments kept him out at the time we were playing other games. It was then Peter Shilton established himself."

IT'S AN EYE-OPENER!

ENGLAND manager Ron Greenwood described Belgium's 1-0 victory over holders Argentina as "the best opening World Cup game for years."

"It showed the individuality of the

South Americans can be overcome and augured well for the European teams.

"I think Belgium can be one of the surprise teams of the competition."

ASKED whether he thought that his Manchester United team-mate Bryan Robson is now the key man in the England side, Ray Wilkins replied: "I think if you had a poll among the England players, they would say Steve Coppell is the key."

One up for 'Match' columnist Steve!



DISAPPOINTED with the performance of Argentina's Diego Maradona following his side's 1-0 victory over the holders in the opening game of the Finals, Belgium skipper Eric Gerets said: "I believe Kevin Keegan is as good as Maradona."

One up for 'Match' columnist Kevin!



RETURNING from a spying mission in which the French used three different goalkeepers, Sheffield Wednesday manager and former World Cup winner with England Jack Charlton said: "People say that big Joe Corrigan is our third choice goalkeeper but he's better than the three French goalkeepers put together."



BRAZIL'S explosive 2-1 victory over Russia in what was the Group Six opener was described by Brazil boss Tele Santana as "one of the best matches the World Cup has seen in half a century."

THE GOAL OF MY LIFE

ENGLAND 1 .v. HUNGARY 0
World Cup, Wednesday, November 18th, 1981.

PAUL Mariner is unlikely to score a more important goal than the one that booked England's passage to the World Cup Finals in Spain.

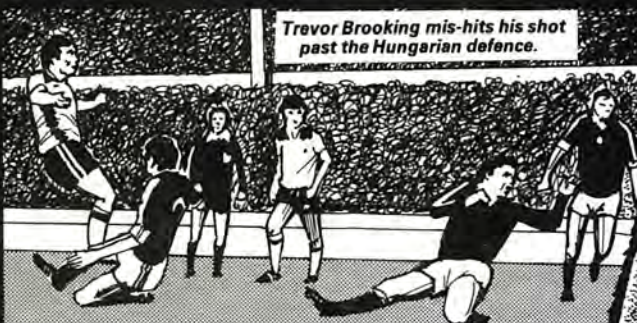
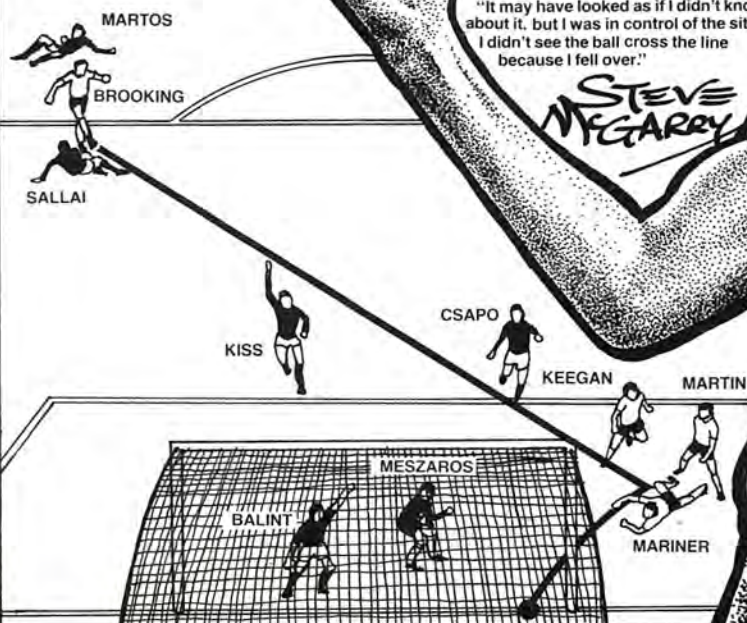
It may not go down in the annals of soccer history as one of the greatest Wembley goals, but in terms of importance it has few equals.

Ipswich striker Paul recalls his Wembley winner against Hungary with justified pride: "Terry McDermott floated a free kick towards the far post where Alvin Martin nodded the ball down under pressure from the goalkeeper."

"Trevor Brooking slipped as he shot, but I was fortunate to be in the right place to deflect the ball just inside the upright."

"It may have looked as if I didn't know much about it, but I was in control of the situation. I didn't see the ball cross the line because I fell over."

STEVE MCGARRY



Trevor Brooking mis-hits his shot past the Hungarian defence.



Paul Mariner (9) falls to the ground after connecting with the ball to send it goalwards.



Martin



McDermott



Brooking

PAUL MARINER



THE

THE greatest soccer show on earth kicked off with what England manager Ron Greenwood described as "one of the best opening games for years".

Holders Argentina were expected to get off to a winning start and Mario Kempes (pictured top left in action against Belgium's Guy Vandermissen) was a hot tip to carry on where he left off in 1978... scoring goals.



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BIG KICK-OFF

But Belgium's Erwin Vandenberg had other ideas. After 63 minutes, he broke the Argentine off-side trap and brought the ball under control on the edge of the box (pictured below, left).

Then he fired a low right-foot shot past Argentine goalkeeper Fillol to score what was the first goal in an opening match for 20 years (below, centre). No wonder Belgium celebrated (below, right).

The breath-taking sight inside Barcelona's fan-packed Nou Camp Stadium as thousands of balloons are released at the opening ceremony of the 1982 World Cup Finals.



Match Weekly was the first British football magazine to go inside the Northern Ireland camp in Spain after their much-praised draw with highly rated Yugoslavia.

There we talked to central defender John McClelland who — in an exclusive interview — had this to say about his side's encouraging start and the task still facing them.



Left: John McClelland — "I have to keep pinching myself to believe I'm in Spain at all."

Above: Norman Whiteside in action against Velimir Zajec of Yugoslavia — "He's a really exciting prospect and so mature for his 17 years."

NORTHERN Ireland are not World Cup no-hopers. We proved that much by our spirited performance against Yugoslavia.

So many people thought that we'd only come to Spain for a holiday. Well, the holiday could last longer than they expected!

We've said all along that it's what happens during the 90 minutes that counts. Records and past results count for nothing on the field.

And in the sweltering heat of the La Romareda Stadium in Zaragoza we held the highly rated Yugoslavs to a 0-0 draw in our Group Five opener.

Before the game we'd have been happy with a draw. The important thing for us was not to lose our first game.

But in the end it was the Irish who finished the stronger and we might have sneaked a goal. I suppose we could have attacked them more then, but that would have left us vulnerable at the back.

Yugoslavia entered the match with an impressive record behind them, while we were the underdogs following hammerings by England and France in our World Cup warm-up games.

Experimenting

During those games manager Billy Bingham was experimenting with different players and styles. We knew he'd find the right formula on the night.

I don't think the Yugoslavs played badly. The result was achieved because we did what we set out to do — stifle them.

They don't like the British style of play. That's why the manager picked three big lads up front — Billy Hamilton, Gerry Armstrong and Norman Whiteside.

Young Norman had a tremendous game and looks a really exciting prospect for Northern Ireland. He's so mature for his 17 years.

Even in the steaming heat of Spain he kept his cool and wasn't overawed by the big occasion. He's got the skill to beat opponents and then put in a good shot on target.

I think it's helped Norman a lot having Sammy McIlroy and Jimmy Nicholl in the squad. He knew them both when they were

'OUR TOUGHEST TEST STILL TO COME'

SAYS IRELAND HERO JOHN McCLELLAND

at Old Trafford and that helped him settle down.

But the mood in the Irish camp has always been welcoming and friendly. Newcomers feel part of the family straight away.

Playing in such scorching heat was a completely new experience for us. Even though our first game was in the evening the temperature was well into the 80's!

Fitness was no problem for us. The difficulty of playing in such conditions is breathing. It's difficult to catch your breath and your throat gets dry very quickly.

By the time you read this we'll have played our supposedly 'easy' match against Honduras. But the exploits of them, Algeria and Cameroon so far in the competition has shown that there are no easy matches in this tournament.

The exploits of the 'emerging soccer nations', as they are known, did give us heart for our game against the Yugoslavs.

Our final game in Group Five is against the host nation, Spain, in the Luis Casanova Stadium, Valencia on Friday evening.

Even though Spain were held to a shock 1-1 draw by Honduras in their opening game, I still believe this match will be our toughest test.

Not only will we be up against the 11 players on the park. We'll also be under the cosh from the home fans, who will be howling their team on.

The Northern Ireland party went to the Spain-Honduras game and we know that the host country will be difficult to beat.

They never recovered from conceding the early goal but I'm sure that if Spain had scored first they'd have romped home.

It's incredible to think that I'm in Spain at all. I have to keep pinching myself to believe it's true.

After all, I missed most of my first season at Rangers because of an ankle injury.

I joined the club from Mansfield in the close season and missed the opening games through injury. Just as I was recovering from that I went down with a dislocated ankle and strained ligaments.

It was a worrying time for me because when you join a club you're eager to make an impression. I was frightened that I might become forgotten and the fans would think I was injury prone.

Return

But I made my return against Morton in March and kept my place for the rest of the season.

I must admit that even though we are involved in the competition, the World Cup seems a million miles away.

We're cut off from the rest of the outside world in our hotel complex and we don't hear that much about what's going on in the other groups.

We haven't seen that many games on the television either. I was very disappointed when I heard the Brazil-Scotland game wasn't going to be shown.

It's still a tremendous thrill to be involved in the world's greatest football competition and I'm enjoying the experience immensely.

● John McClelland was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

Exclusive

ARDILES TELLS MATCH WEEKLY

I want to go back to Spurs!

ARGENTINIAN midfield magician Osvaldo Ardiles would love to return to the scene of the "happiest days of his football career" . . . with Tottenham!

After war broke out between Britain and Argentina over sovereignty of the Falkland Islands, Ossie was quoted as saying he could never return to England.

But in an exclusive interview with 'Match Weekly' in Spain, Ossie said: "My biggest wish is to go back to Tottenham."

"Maybe when things return to normal between our two countries, then I might be able to go back."

And the sincerity behind his words is borne out when he says:

"The happiest days of my football career were spent at White Hart Lane."

"Winning the FA Cup with them last year was just as important to me as winning the World Cup with Argentina in 1978."

Before the Falklands crisis erupted, Ossie's friendly manner off the field and delightful skills on it made him one of the most popular players in our game.

He played his last game for Tottenham when they beat Leicester 2-0 in the Semi-Finals of last season's FA Cup.

But neither his Spurs team-mates nor the Tottenham fans that idolised him, realised that it might be his final game for the club when he left England to join up with the Argentinian World Cup squad in preparation for the Finals.

His fellow countryman and Spurs team-mate Ricky Villa has since gone home to Argentina, too.

Says Ossie: "The war between our two countries would not allow me to

go back to Tottenham now. It is out of the question.

"But Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw met me in the Argentinian training camp in Spain and he talked to me about alternative arrangements."

"There is a chance that I will play for another club in Europe and then, at a later stage, transfer back to Tottenham. It's one option we have considered but I'm worried that it might not be fair on the team."

"There are a few options — some I cannot talk about right now — and I'm keeping an open mind about my future."

Spurs and a possible return to England apart, Ossie's mind has been fully on the job of helping Argentina retain the World Cup over the past two weeks.

And despite the fact they were beaten 1-0 by Belgium in the opening match of the Finals, Ossie remained confident his country would make the trip to Madrid for the Final on July 11.

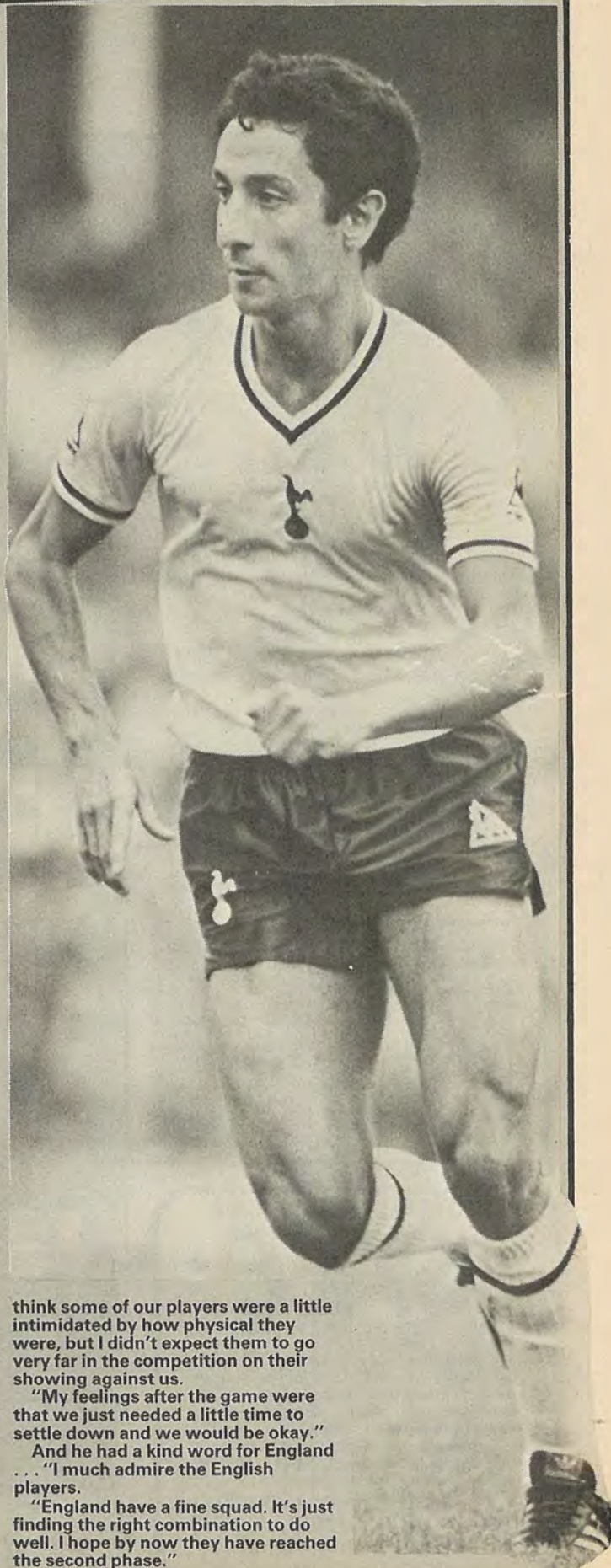
"We were very nervous in the first game," he told 'Match Weekly'.

"But against Belgium, nine of our players on view played in the World Cup Final four years ago and that experience counts for a lot in this competition."

In many people's eyes, Diego Maradona — the player dubbed the "best player in the world" today — disappointed against Belgium but, says Ossie:

"I think he showed he has the skill and ability to cause plenty of problems for defences. Ramon Diaz did not play that well against Belgium, but we all know what a good player he really is."

"Belgium caused us problems by not letting us settle on the ball and I



think some of our players were a little intimidated by how physical they were, but I didn't expect them to go very far in the competition on their showing against us."

"My feelings after the game were that we just needed a little time to settle down and we would be okay."

And he had a kind word for England . . . "I much admire the English players."

"England have a fine squad. It's just finding the right combination to do well. I hope by now they have reached the second phase."

PICTURE POSER

WORLD Cup qualifiers England and Northern Ireland battle it out in a meeting last season. With the help of the picture how many of the following questions can you answer?
A Who are the seven players prominent in the picture?
B Where was the game played?

C What was the score and who were the goalscorers?
D One of the players pictured didn't go to Spain — who is he?
E Name the previous League clubs of the Northern Ireland skipper?



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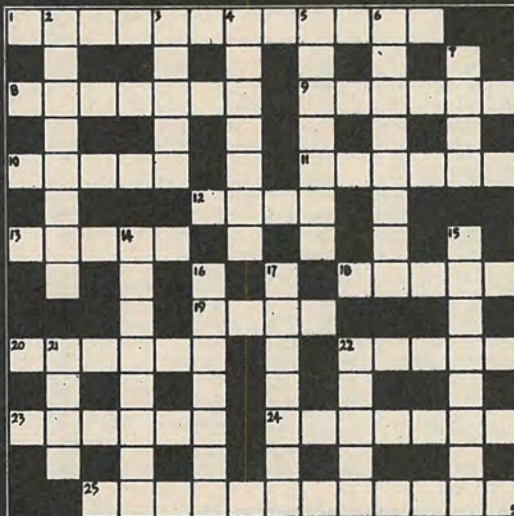
HOW well do you know the England squad which travelled to Spain? See if you can fill in the missing names.

Goalkeepers: Peter Shilton, Joe Corrigan.
Defenders: Mick Mills, Phil Neal,
Steve Foster, Kenny Sansom, Phil Thompson,
Midfield: Terry McDermott, Ray Wilkins,
Glenn Hoddle, Trevor Brooking, Steve
Coppell. Forwards: Trevor Francis,
Tony Woodcock, Paul Mariner.

SOLUTIONS

MATCH OF THE WEEK: Manchester United v Leeds United.
defence: 21 four; 22 Power.
6 Can-tell-o: 7 Dave; 14 Chris-tie; 15 Victoria; 16 trainer; 17
DOWN: 2 Chappell; 3 shins; 4 Ray Wood; 5 (Ray) Kennedy;
25 George Graham.
Reed (hidden); 20 Africa; 22 Platt; 23 Austin; 24 Newport;
Ninian; 10 Spurs; 11 Exeter; 12 Road; 13 black; 18 Collin; 19
SOCIETYWORD: ACROSS: 1 scissors kick; 8 Cassidy; 9
Withe.
Butcher, Graham Rix, Bryan Robson, Kevin Keegan, Peter
BLANKETY BLANK: Ray Clemence; Viv Anderson, Terry
Man. City.
Morley (Aston Villa); E — Nottingham Forest, Norwich and
(Robson, Keegan, Hoddle) N. Ireland; D — Tony
Robson and Jimmy Nicholl; B — Wembley; C — England &
O'Neill, Chris Nicholl, Tony Morley, John O'Neill, Bryan
PICTURE POSER: A (from left) — Pat Jennings, Martin

SOCCERWORD



ACROSS

1. An acrobatic means of playing the ball (8,4)
8. One of Northern Ireland's men in Spain (7)
9. You'd have to be in Cardiff to see a match at this Park (6)
10. Over the last year or so this club has almost made Wembley its second home! (5)
11. One of Devon's clubs (6)
12. Watford can be watched at Vicarage --- (4)
13. One of Austria's colours (5)
18. --- Morris moved from Blackpool to Sheffield United during the season (5)
19. Steve, who played for Doncaster in the 1970s, had a bit of breeding (4)
20. Algeria are representing this continent in the World Cup (6)
22. Another of Northern Ireland's men in Spain (5)
23. Is it the make of car in which striker Terry has travelled to the many clubs he has played for? (6)
24. Club which includes an anagram of 22 down in its name (7)

25. Popular forward who performed for Villa, Chelsea, Arsenal, Manchester United, Portsmouth, Palace and Scotland (6,6)

DOWN

2. 'Help clap' (anagram) — to bring on a striker who played mainly for Rotherham and Reading (8)
3. They're where the pads provide protection (5)
4. Manchester United goalie who was injured in the 1957 FA Cup final but recovered to play 200 games for Huddersfield (3,4)
5. He is reckoned to be the League's most-decorated player (7)
6. Len is able to say nothing! (8)
7. Manager Bassett, maybe (4)
14. Trevor takes Christopher to the cup match (8)
15. The girl seen at Stoke City's Ground?
16. His appearance on the pitch usually means that injury time will need to be added on (7)
17. When players' numbers used to have more significance, this would have been made up by players two to six (7)
21. Hungary were the top team in this World Cup qualifying group (4)
22. He has been a driving-force for Manchester City for several season (5)

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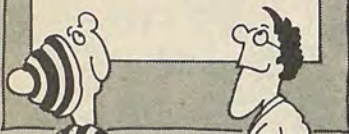
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MATCH OF THE WEEK

A CHEER STUNNED TIM
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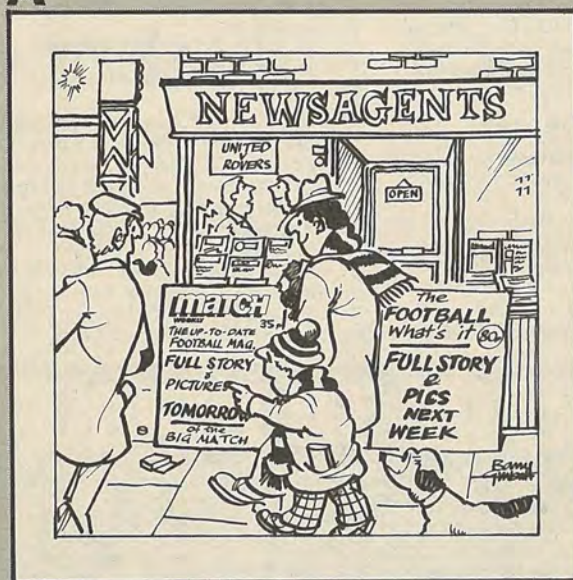
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IT'S RIDDLE TIME

I WAS one of the surprise omissions in Jock Stein's World Cup 22. I moved to a London club from Dundee United for £400,000 back in August 1979 and won an FA Cup winners medal with my club in my first full season. I scored a dramatic last minute equaliser in the 1981 League Cup Final at Wembley.

Don't miss next week's 'Match weekly' where my identity will be revealed.

● The answer to last week's riddle was Liverpool and England midfield star Terry McDermott.



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Colour..... Size

ENGLAND 0 HUNGARY 7

ENGLAND thrashed 7-0 by the Hungarians in a vital World Cup clash! It sounds like a nightmare doesn't it?

But it happened last week when Ron Greenwood managed his side by computer . . . and received a lesson he won't forget.

Computer and Video Games magazine put Ron's skills to the test in a game called World Cup Manager (see last week's Match Chat).

The game is played on a

Sharp's MZ80A personal computer and is a fascinating test of skill, leaving nothing to chance.

The player takes the role of manager of one of the World Cup qualifiers. He selects his team which is placed in a group, the full draw is made and he sends out scouts to watch the opposition.

The manager studies the dossier on the opposition and then makes vital tactical decisions . . . what formation he will play, whether he will use a substitute, his use of set

pieces etc.

Ron consulted Match Weekly's World Cup A-Z feature to gather inside information on the Hungarians, but his carefully thought-out team plan proved hopelessly wrong. Five nil down at half-time, the Hungarians scored twice more as they continually exposed England at the back.

However, the computer proved that Ron's successor — hotly-tipped to be Ipswich boss Bobby Robson — could have a rival.

Match Weekly Editor Melvyn Bagnall guided England to a 7-1 first round victory over Czechoslovakia — the second highest win recorded by a manager up to then!

MACARI MAGIC

MANCHESTER United manager Ron Atkinson believes little Lou Macari could have made the difference between his side finishing third in Division One and actually winning the Championship.

"I'm convinced that if Lou had been fit, and played more games, we'd have had a far better home record," he says.

"And that could have made all the difference to our Championship challenge.

"He's the difference between drawing 0-0 and winning 1-0. He's a real sneak-thief who I consider invaluable."

The former Scottish international, who managed only ten full appearances last season, endorses the manager's opinion.

"We didn't really score enough goals from midfield. Had I been there more often to add my usual quota, the final outcome could have been so different."



Cheers for Ronnie

LIVERPOOL starlet Ronnie Whelan (left) shows off the Robinson's Barley Water 'Young Player of the Year' replica to Anfield's England trio Terry McDermott, Phil Neal and Phil Thompson.

The young Eire international midfield player also collected a £7,000 Rover car (the biggest individual prize for a British player) which was presented by England boss Ron Greenwood.

Wembley bonanza

IT was nothing short of bonanza time for Wembley Stadium at the end of May.

In three matches spanning six days, a total of 259,000 fans paid an incredible £1,929,000 in gate receipts.

The run-down was:

May 23, FA Cup Final — Attendance 100,000 (receipts £918,000).

May 25, England v Holland — 69,000 (£406,000).

May 27, FA Cup Final replay — 90,000 (£605,000).

ZOFF CHASES A RECORD

ITALY and Juventus goalkeeper Dino Zoff could set a new record in his country next season.

He has played 533 First Division games in Italy, which is 33 less than Silvano Piola achieved for Bologna in the 1930's.

Hans off!

AUSTRIA's key striker Hans Krankl was given a rough send-off to the World Cup Finals.

He received his marching orders after getting involved in a fight while playing for Rapid Vienna against Admira, and was suspended for three League matches.



Windsor wonderboys

THE boys from Dedworth Middle School in Windsor soak up the famous Wembley atmosphere after winning the English Schools' FA under-11 six-a-side championship.

A record 6,000 school teams entered the event which is sponsored by Smiths Foods and the climax came before the England Boys v Scotland Boys clash at Wembley earlier this month.

The other three schools in the Wembley Finals were Holy Name RC Middle School from Leeds, St Mary's and St Michael's RC Middle School from London and Milby Middle School from Nuneaton.

ENGLAND, Wales and the Republic of Ireland begin their quest for places in the 1984 European Championship Finals — to be staged in France — on September 22.

On that night, England and Eire travel to Denmark and Holland respectively, while Wales entertain Norway.

England face a visit to Greece and a Wembley clash with Luxembourg before the end of the year tie with Hungary — their main threat in 1983.

Wales go to Yugoslavia in December and that could represent their biggest hurdle in

THE ROAD TO FRANCE

qualifying for the Finals, while Eire have home matches with Iceland and Spain before Christmas.

Northern Ireland and Scotland kick off their qualifying programme on October 13.

Here are the European Championship qualifying dates and fixtures for the five countries from the British Isles:

ENGLAND

1982: Sept. 22 — Denmark (away); Nov. 17 — Greece (away); Dec. 15 — Luxembourg (home).

SCOTLAND

1982: Oct. 13 — East Germany (home); Nov. 17 — Switzerland (away); Dec. 15 — Belgium (away).

WALES

1982: Sept. 22 — Norway (home); Dec. 15 — Yugoslavia (away).
1983: April 27 — Bulgaria (home); Sept. 27 — Norway (away); Nov. 16 — Bulgaria (away); Dec. 14 — Yugoslavia (home).

1983: March 30 — Switzerland (home); Oct. 12 — Belgium (home); Nov. 16 — East Germany (away).

NORTHERN IRELAND

1982: Oct. 13 — Austria (away); Nov. 17 — West Germany (home); Dec. 15 — Albania (away).

1983: March 30 — Turkey (home); April 27 — Albania (home); Sept. 21 — Austria (home); Oct. 12 — Turkey (away); Nov. 16 — West Germany (away).

EIRE

1982: Sept. 22 — Holland (away); Oct. 13 — Iceland (home); Nov. 17 — Spain (home).

1983: March 30 — Malta (away); April 27 — Spain (away); Sept. 21 — Iceland (away); Oct. 12 — Holland (home); Nov. 16 — Malta (home).

DISCARDED BURNS SAYS: 'I WAS GOOD ENOUGH'

CELTIC'S Tommy Burns was a casualty of Scotland manager Jock Stein's final squad for Spain, but his confidence remains intact.

He says: "I still believe I am as good as any midfield player the manager has taken with him to Spain. But he's the boss and he picks the team."

Like West Ham's Ray Stewart, the Celtic star looked to have been given a last chance to prove himself in the British Championship clash with Wales, but Tommy didn't see it that way.

"I don't consider it was really a chance for me because,

looking back on it, I think Mr Stein knew which players he was going to take anyway."

Tommy made his Scotland debut in the 1-1 World Cup home qualifying clash with Northern Ireland last year.

He was substituted by Asa Hartford, but he didn't get another chance to shine until the game with Wales last month.

But with tough opposition in the shape of Graeme Souness, Asa Hartford, Gordon Strachan, and John Wark, time had run out.



Tommy Burns (right) in action for Celtic against Rangers' Sandy Jardine: "I believe I'm as good as any Scottish midfield player out in Spain."

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

Barcelona tail German stars

SPANISH giants Barcelona, having finally landed Argentinian star Diego Maradona next season in a £3 million plus deal, are now trying to lure West German stars Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Uli Hoernes from Bayern Munich.

Apparently, they have told Hoernes to name his price, but as yet the Germans haven't been tempted.

Billy bounces back

WEST Ham skipper Billy Bonds is hoping that a touch of the old John McEnroe's will help him in his return to fitness following a bout of yellow jaundice.

"I've always enjoyed tennis, and this summer I'll probably get in more games than ever to make sure I'm well and truly back to peak condition for next season," says Billy, who missed West Ham's last 12 matches.

"I'm a naturally fit sort of bloke anyway, but I want to put the spring back into my step after my illness which really sapped my strength and stamina."

Ponte hops back to Grasshoppers

FORMER Nottingham Forest midfielder player Raimonde Ponte has returned to Swiss club Grasshoppers.

He spent last season in France with Bastia after leaving Forest with just 21 First Division appearances to his name.

Hoping for an encore

FOURTH Division sides Colchester and York are obviously hoping that the trend set by three of the four promoted clubs last season will be continued next term.

Bournemouth (David Webb), Bradford City (Roy McFarland) and Wigan (Larry Lloyd) all had top-class central defenders at the helm as player-managers.

Now Colchester and York have acquired the same type of player-manager in Allan Hunter, the ex-Ipswich and Northern Ireland star, and former Stoke stalwart Denis Smith respectively.

Britain's top boss rewarded

BELL'S Scotch Whisky are to give a special World Cup award of a commemorative trophy and a cheque for £1,000 for the 'best achievement by a British manager in the World Cup Finals'.

The award will be nominated by the football managers' awards panel, chaired by Liverpool's Bob Paisley who was Bell's 'Manager of the Year' last season for a record fifth time.

GOLD-FINGERS!

HOW much is a finger worth?

It's £20,000 according to Lloyds underwriters — if you're a Subbuteo champion just about to represent your country in the 'World Cup'.

The world famous insurance company insured for £20,000 the flicking finger of ten Subbuteo champions during the recent World Cup competition in Barcelona.

● FORMER England winger Dave Thomas has rejected terms from Middlesbrough and joined Third Division Portsmouth.

Keep up with Keegan . . .

THE England players are going to have plenty of spare time to fill between our World Cup matches . . . so it was a pleasant surprise for us to find that Match Weekly is on sale over here in Spain.

The magazine is available in all the centres where games are being played so even if we move on from Bilbao, we will still be able to keep in touch with the football scene back home by getting our copies each week.

Myself, Paul Mariner, Steve

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Sunday, June 13

Group Three

ARGENTINA (0) 0
BELGIUM (0) 1 (Vanderbergh 63)
Att: 95,000 (in Barcelona)
Argentina: Fillol, Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gallego, Maradona, Bertoni, Diaz, R (sub. Valdano), Kempes.
Belgium: Pfaff, Gerets, Millicamps, de Schrijver, Baecke, Coeck, Vercauteren, Vandermissen, Czerniatynski, Vanderbergh, Ceulemans.
Referee: V. Christov (Czechoslovakia)

Monday, June 14

Group One

ITALY (0) 0
POLAND (0) 0
Att: 30,000 (in Vigo)
Italy: Zoff, Gentile, Collovati, Scirea, Cabrini, Marini, Tardelli, Antognoni, Conti, Rossi, Graziani.
Poland: Mlynarczyk, Majewski, Zmuda, Janas, Jolocha, Matysik, Boniek, Buncol, Lato, Iwan (sub. Kusto), Smolarek.
Referee: M. Vautrot (France)

Group Six

BRAZIL (0) 2 (Socrates 74, Eder 87)
RUSSIA (1) 1 (Bal 34)
Att: 45,000 (in Seville)
Brazil: Valdir Peres, Leandro, Oscar, Luizinho, Junior, Cerezo, Falcao, Socrates, Dirceu (sub. Isidoro), Serginho, Eder.
Russia: Dasaev, Sulakvelidze, Chivadze, Baltacha, Demianenko, Shengelia (sub. Andreev), Gavrilov (sub. Susloparov), Blokhin, Bal, Daraselia.
Referee: A. Lamo Castillo (Spain)

Tuesday, June 15

Group Six

SCOTLAND (3) 5 (Dalglish 19, Wark 30, 33, Robertson 74, Archibald 80)
NEW ZEALAND (0) 2 (Sumner 54, Wooddin 65)
Att: 25,000 (in Malaga)
Scotland: Rough, McGrain, Gray, Souness, Hansen, Evans, Strachan (sub. Narey), Dalglish, Brazil (sub. Archibald), Wark, Robertson.
New Zealand: Van Hattum, Hill, Elrick, Mackay, Malcolmson (sub. Cole), Almond (sub. Herbert), Rufer, Boath, Wooddin, Sumner, Cresswell.
Referee: D. Socha (United States)

Group One

PERU (0) 0
CAMEROON (0) 0
Att: 11,000 (in La Coruna)
Peru: Quiroga, Duarte, Gonzalez, Diaz, Olaechea, Uribe, Cueto, Velazquez, Leguia (sub. La Rosa), Cubillas (sub. Barbadillo), Oblitas.
Cameroon: N'Kono, M'Bom, Aoudou, Onana, Kaham, Abega, M'Bida, Kunde, Milla (sub. Tokoto), N'Djeya, N'Guea (sub. Bahoken).
Referee: F. Wohrer (Austria)

Group Three

HUNGARY (3) 10 (Nyilasi 3, 84, Poloskei 10, Fazekas 23, 54, Toth 51, Kiss 69, 73, 77, Szentes 71)
EL SALVADOR (0) 1 (Zapata 65)
Att: 19,750 (in Elche)
Hungary: Meszaros, Martos, Balint, Toth, Muller (sub. Szentes), Garaba, Nyilasi, Sallai, Fazekas, Torocsik (sub. Kiss), Poloskei.
El Salvador: Mora, Castillo, Jovel, Rodriguez, Recinos, Rugamas (sub. Zapata), Alfaro, Huezo, Hernandez, Gonzalez, Rivas.
Referee: Al-Joy (Bahrain)

Wednesday, June 16

Group Four

ENGLAND (1) 3 (Robson 27 secs, 67, Mariner 82)
FRANCE (1) 1 (Soler 25)
Att: 45,000 (in Bilbao)
England: Shilton, Mills, Sansom (sub. Neal), Thompson, Butcher, Robson, Coppell, Wilkins, Francis, Mariner, Rix.
France: Ettori, Battiston, Bossis, Tresor, Lopez, Larios (sub. Tigana), Girard, Giresse, Rocheteau (sub. Six), Platini, Soler.
Referee: A. Garrido (Portugal)

Group Five

SPAIN (0) 1 (Ufarte, pen 64)
HONDURAS (1) 1 (Zelaya 7)
Att: 49,652 (in Valencia)
Spain: Arconada, Gordillo, Alonso, Tendillo, Alesanco, Juanito (sub. Saura), Joaquin (sub. Sanchez), Satrustegui, Zamora, Ufarte, Gomez.
Honduras: Arzu, Villegas, Bulnez, Costly, Maradiaga, Zelaya, Gilberto, Betancourt, Norales (sub. Caballero), Figueroa, Yearwood.
Referee: I. Thurralde (Argentina)

Group Two

WEST GERMANY (0) 1 (Rummenigge 70)
ALGERIA (0) 2 (Madjer 54, Belloumi 71)
Att: 42,000 (in Gijon)
West Germany: Schumacher, Kaltz, Stielike, Forster, Briegleb, Breitner, Magath (sub. Fischer), Dremmler, Rummenigge, Hrubesch, Littbarski.
Algeria: Cerbah, Guendouz, Kourichi, Merzekane, Mansouri, Belloumi, Dhaleb, Fergani, Madjer (sub. Larbes), Zidane (sub. Bensoula), Assad.
Referee: E. Labo Revoredo (Peru)

Thursday, June 17

Group Five

NORTHERN IRELAND (0) 0
YUGOSLAVIA (0) 0
Att: 25,000 (in Zaragoza)
Northern Ireland: Jennings, Nicholl J, Donaghy, McCreery, Nicholl, C, McClelland, McIlroy, O'Neill M, Armstrong, Hamilton, Whiteside.
Yugoslavia: Pantelic, Gudelj, Zajec, Stojkovic, Petrovic, Slijivo, Vujovic-Zlatko, Susic, Jovanovic, Hratic, Surjak.
Referee: E. Frederiksson (Sweden)

Group Four

KUWAIT (0) 1 (Al-Dakheel 58)
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (1) 1 (Panenka, pen 22)
Att: 7,000 (in Valladolid)
Kuwait: Al-Tarabulsi, Naiim Saed, Ma'Yooof, Mahboub, Waleed-Jasem, Al-Bouloushi, Saed Al-Houti, Karam (sub. Fajthi Kameel), Faisal Al-Dakheel, Jasem Yacoub, Al-Anbari.
Czechoslovakia: Hruska, Barmos, Jurkemik, Fiala, Kukucka, Panenka, Berger, Kriz (sub. Bicoski), Janecka (sub. Petrzel), Nehoda, Vizek.
Referee: K. Dwomoh (Ghana)

Group Two

AUSTRIA (1) 1 (Schachner 22)
CHILE (0) 0
Att: 22,500 (in Oviedo)
Austria: Koncilla, Krauss, Obermayer, Pezzey, Degeogri (sub. Baurmeister), Hattenberger, Hintmaier, Weber (sub. Jurtan), Prohaska, Krankl, Schachner.
Chile: Osben, Garrido, Figueroa, Valenzuela, Bigorra, Bonavallet, Dubo, Neira (sub. Manuel Rojas), Moscoso (sub. Gamboa), Yanez, Caszely.
Referee: J. Cardellino (Uruguay)

Friday, June 18

Group Six

BRAZIL (1) 4 (Zico 32, Oscar 48, Eder 64, Falcao 87)
SCOTLAND (1) 1 (Narey 17)
Att: 47,000 (in Seville)
Brazil: Valdir Peres, Leandro, Oscar, Luizinho, Junior, Cerezo, Falcao, Socrates, Serginho (sub. Isidoro), Zico, Eder.
Scotland: Rough, Narey, Gray, Souness, Hansen, Miller, Strachan (sub. McLeish), Hartford (sub. Dalglish), Archibald, Wark, Robertson.
Referee: L. Calderon (Costa Rica)

Group One

ITALY (1) 1 (Conti 19)
PERU (0) 1 (Diaz 84)
Att: 31,000 (in Vigo)
Italy: Zoff, Cabrini, Collovati, Gentile, Scirea, Antognoni, Marini, Tardelli, Conti, Graziani, Rossi (sub. Causio).
Peru: Quiroga, Duarte, Diaz, Salguero, Olaechea, Cueto, Velazquez (sub. La Rosa), Cubillas, Uribe, Oblitas, Barbadillo (sub. Leguia).
Referee: W. Eschweiler (W. Germany)

Group Three

ARGENTINA (2) 4 (Bertoni 26, Maradona 28, 57, Ardiles 61)
HUNGARY (0) 1 (Poloskei 76)
Att: 32,000 (in Alicante)
Argentina: Fillol, Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini (sub. Barbas), Ardiles, Gallego, Maradona, Bertoni, Valdano (sub. Calderon), Kempes.
Hungary: Meszaros, Martos (sub. Fazekas), Toth, Varga, Garaba, Nyilasi, Sallai, Rab, Kiss, (sub. Szentes), Poleskei.
Referee: Lacarne (Algeria)

Saturday, June 19

Group One

POLAND (0) 0
CAMEROON (0) 0
Att: 15,000 (in La Coruna)
Poland: Mlynarczyk, Majewski, Janas, Zmuda, Jolocha, Lato, Buncol, Boniek, Iwan (sub. Szarmach), Palasz (sub. Kusto), Smolarek.
Cameroon: N'Kono, Kaham, Onana, N'Djeya, M'Bom, Aoudou, Abega, Kunde, M'Bida, Milla, N'Guea (sub. Tokoto).
Referee: A. Ponnnet (Belgium)

Group Three

BELGIUM (1) 1 (Coeck 18)
EL SALVADOR (0) 0
Att: 6,000
Belgium: Pfaff, Gerets, Millicamps, Meeuws, Baecke, Vandermissen (sub. Van der Elst), Coeck, Vercauteren, Czerniatynski, Vanderbergh, Ceulemans (sub. Van Moer).
El Salvador: Mora, Osoto (sub. Arevalo), Jovel, Rodriguez, Recinos, Fagoroga, Ventura, Heuzo, Zapata, Gonzalez, Rivas.
Referee: M. Moffatt (N. Ireland)

Group Six

RUSSIA (1) 3 (Gavrilov 24, Blokhin 48, Baltacha 69)
NEW ZEALAND (0) 0
Att: 20,000 (in Malaga)
Russia: Dasaev, Sulakvelidze, Chivadze, Baltacha, Demyanenko, Daraselia (sub. Organesyan), Bessonov, Gavrilov (sub. Rodinov), Bal, Blokhin, Shengalia.
New Zealand: Van Hattum, Dods, Boath, Herbert, Elrick, Mackay, Cole, Sumner, Cresswell, Rufer, Wooddin.
Referee: El Ghoul (Libya)

Sunday, June 20

Group Four

ENGLAND (0) 2 (Francis 63, Barmos, og 66)
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (0) 0
Att: 44,182 (in Bilbao)
England: Shilton, Mills, Sansom, Thompson, Butcher, Robson (sub. Hoddle), Coppell, Wilkins, Francis, Mariner, Rix.
Czechoslovakia: Seman (sub. Stromsik), Barmos, Fiala, Vojacek, Radimec, Jurkemik, Nehoda, Vizek, Chaloupka, Berger, Janecka (sub. Masnyl).
Referee: G. Corver (Holland)

Group Two

CHILE (0) 1 (Moscoso 90)
WEST GERMANY (1) 4 (Rummenigge 9, 57, 66, Reinders 81)
Att: 42,000 (in Gijon)
Chile: Osben, Garrido, Valenzuela, Figueroa, Bigorra, Dubo, Bonavallet, Soto (sub. Letelier), Yanez, Gamboa (sub. Neira), Moscoso.
West Germany: Schumacher, Briegleb, Breitner (sub. Mattaus), Forster, Dremmler, Littbarski (sub. Reinders), Hrubesch, Rummenigge, Magath, Stielke, Kaltz.
Referee: Galler (Switzerland)

Group Five

SPAIN (1) 2 (Juanito, pen 12, Saura 65)
YUGOSLAVIA (1) 1 (Gudelj 10)
Att: 48,000 (in Valencia)
Spain: Arconada, Camacho, Tendillo, Alesanco, Gordillo, Alonso, Sanchez (sub. Saura), Zamora, Juanito, Satrustegui (sub. Quini), Lopez-Ufarte.
Yugoslavia: Pantelic, Krmpotic, Zajec, Stojkovic, Jovanovic (sub. Halilhodzic), Gudelj, Petrovic, Slijivo, Vujovic-Zlatko (sub. Sestic), Surjak, Susic.
Referee: S. Lund (Denmark)

LEADING SCORERS

Rummenigge (W. Germany)	4
Kiss (Hungary)	3
Robson (England)	2
Wark (Scotland)	2
Fazekas (Hungary)	2
Nyilasi (Hungary)	2
Poloskei (Hungary)	2
Maradona (Argentina)	2
Eder (Brazil)	2



DIRECT FROM SPAIN

PAUL MARINER



IT'S like a dream come true.

A goal on my debut in the World Cup Finals to secure England's crucial 3-1 victory over France.

And, if that wasn't enough excitement for one day, I equalled Jimmy Greaves' record of scoring in five successive England internationals.

It's a real honour and privilege to have my name associated in this way with one of England's greatest ever strikers.

Yet, just a few months ago, I sat in a Cambridge hospital wondering whether my ankle injury would shatter my World Cup hopes.

Now, after the events on that hot and sultry afternoon in Bilbao, I feel like a character plucked from the pages of a boys' comic strip.

In my private moments, I attempt to pinpoint the reasons for this sudden spate of goals for England.

But, for the life of me, I can't arrive at a logical answer, although why should I worry when they keep going in?

I suppose luck must be playing a part in it. I'm probably having the good fortune to be in the right place at the right time to conclude moves fashioned by a confident England side that is once again striking fear into the rest of the soccer world.

Our character and dedication to carry the England flag with pride shone through against France, especially in the second half when we overcame the heat and tiredness to finish conclusive winners.

I have never experienced such spirit and organisation in an England squad. It's almost like a club spirit.

Every player is aware of his responsibilities, and, even without experienced campaigners like Kevin Keegan and Trevor Brooking

I'M THE LUCKIEST MAN IN SPAIN

against France, we had replacements able to fill their crucial roles.

It was only the second time I had played as a twin spearhead with Trevor Francis, but he is very similar to Kevin Keegan, and that's why Ron Greenwood selected him for the role because he wanted to retain the balance.

We couldn't have written a better opening chapter than Bryan Robson's record-breaking goal after just 27 seconds.

And it emerged from a set-piece movement that we hadn't even practised from the right hand of the field.

It's true that we rehearsed the move on the morning of the match, involving Kenny Sansom's long throws from the left and Terry Butcher's heading ability.

It was only thirty minutes before kick-off that Ron Greenwood informed us that Steve Coppell was capable of a long throw and that we might attempt the same move on the right.

And it worked like a dream to provide Bryan Robson with the fastest goal ever in the World Cup Finals and settle the nerves.

Everyone was more nervous than usual because we all knew how important it was for England to achieve the right result.

With Graham Rix operating a free role in midfield, French stars Michel Platini and Jean-Francois Larios saw a lot of the ball,

resulting in problems for our defence.

Even though France looked the better side at times after their equaliser, I was never worried because I felt all the way along that we wouldn't lose.

We altered our formation in the second half and that did the trick.

We operated a man-to-man marking system in midfield with a rigid block of four players, and from that point there was only going to be one winner.

We soon asserted our authority, culminating in goals for Bryan and myself, and in the end we looked the strongest side which was a tribute to our fitness and character.

I was almost too tired to salute my goal in the dying minutes.

I was more relieved than thrilled when the ball flew into the net, because at 2-1, there was always the chance that France could snatch an equaliser.

It was stifling out there. I lost no fewer than ten pounds during the match which is the equivalent to about one and a half gallons of water.

Most of the players lost between four and ten pounds,

and, leading up to the clash with Czechoslovakia, I was drinking literally everything in sight to make up the deficiency.

I have played in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, but I've never faced anything quite like that Bilbao roasting!

Bilbao was referred to as the 'City of Hate' before we arrived but we have been warmly welcomed by the inhabitants.

They watch our training sessions with interest and there are always local people outside our headquarters.

So, at the moment everything is fine and optimism is growing by the minute.

● Paul Mariner was talking to Melvyn Beck.

JIMMY GREAVES' RECORD

Oct. 8, 1960 — Northern Ireland (a) 5-2 (Greaves 2, Smith, Charlton, R Douglas).
Oct. 19, 1960 — Luxembourg (a) 9-0 (Greaves 3, Charlton, R 3, Smith 2, Haynes)
Oct. 26, 1960 — Spain (h) 4-2 (Greaves, Smith 2, Douglas)
Nov. 23, 1960 — Wales (h) 5-1 (Greaves 2, Charlton, R, Smith, Haynes)
April 15, 1961 — Scotland (h) 9-3 (Greaves 3, Haynes 2, Smith 2, Robson, Douglas)

PAUL MARINER'S RECORD

Nov. 18, 1981 — Hungary (h) 1-0 (Mariner)
May 25, 1982 — Holland (h) 2-0 (Mariner, Woodcock)
May 29, 1982 — Scotland (a) 1-0 (Mariner)
June 3, 1982 — Finland (a) 4-1 (Mariner 2, Robson 2)
June 16, 1982 — France (in Spain) 3-1 (Mariner, Robson 2)

Left: Paul Mariner hammers home England's third goal to secure victory over France in the opening game and enter his name into the record books in the process.





Above: England's Phil Thompson gets to grips with French star Michel Platini.

Above right: Mighty Mariner! England's Paul Mariner nips in to score the third and record-equalling goal to make sure of a winning start to their campaign against the French.



FANTASTIC ENGLAND



1 England hero Bryan Robson cracks the ball goalwards after just 27 seconds.



2 It's there and the arms of the England players go up in triumph as goalscorer Robson gets to his feet.



Above: The expression on the face of Kenny Sansom (centre) says it all as the hugging begins.

Right: Flying Frenchman Gerard Soler, the striker who rocked England with a superb left-footed equaliser in the 24th minute, speeds past centre-half Terry Butcher.



3 Robson jumps for joy as his team mates rush in to offer their congratulations.



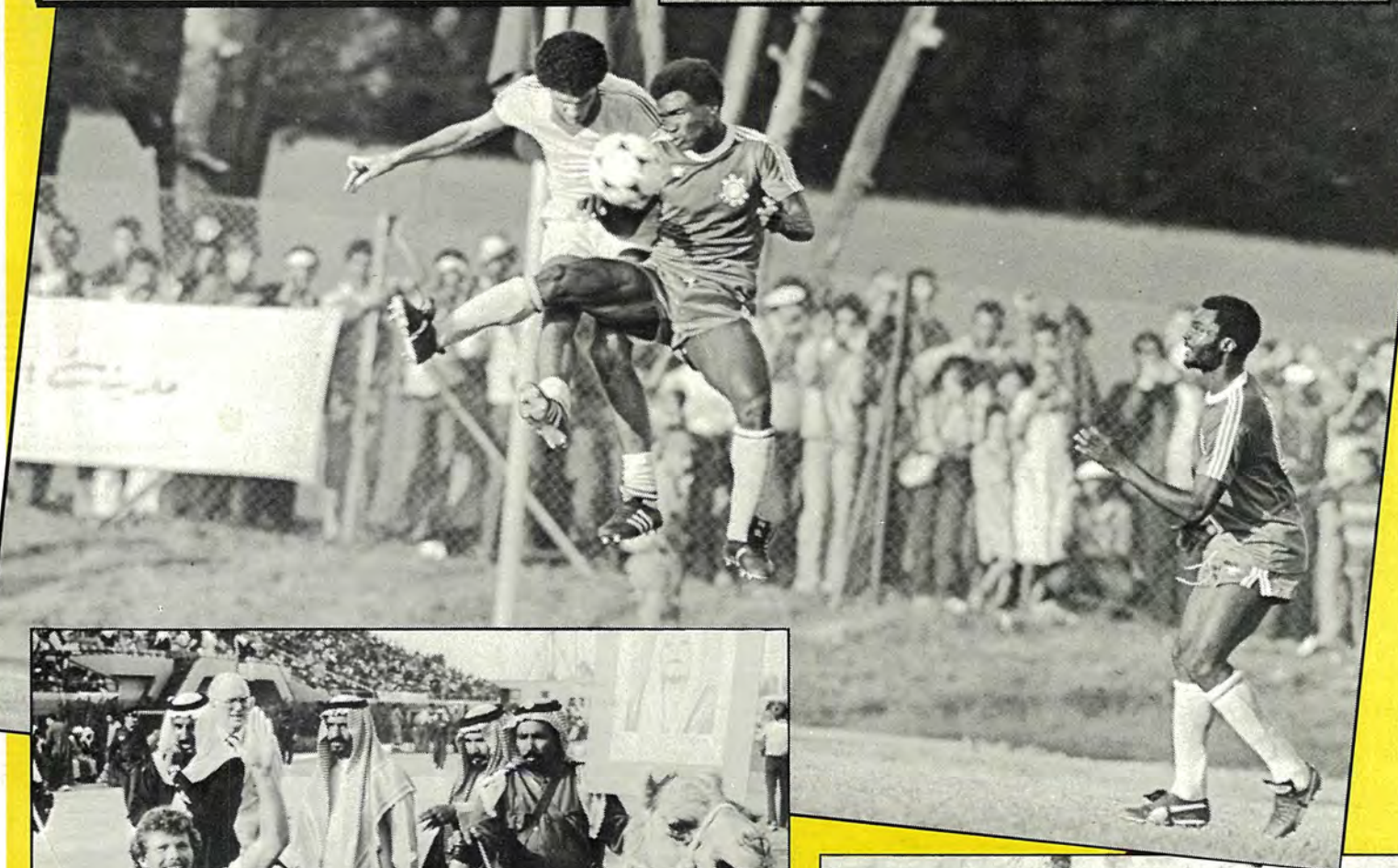
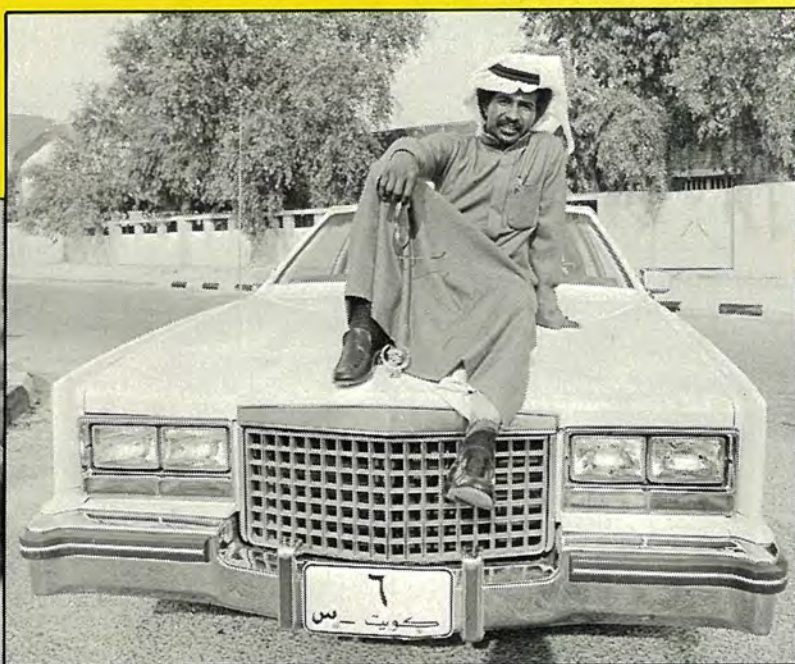
SOCCER WORLD IN ACTION

Right: Who says soccer stars are overpaid! Kuwait captain Saad Al Houti takes things easy on the bonnet of his little runabout.

Below: Hardly Wembley! Still, it looks like a capacity crowd as Cameroon's Paul Bahoken battles for the ball with Morocco's Bouchkhacheh Houcine.

Bottom left: No need to get the hump! New Zealand's Ricki Herbert gets to know 'Clarence' the camel — Kuwait's equivalent to Bulldog Bobby.

Bottom right: The good thing about banging your head against a brick wall is that it's nice when you stop. Scotland stars Alan Rough, Alex McLeish and Willie Miller watch what goes on at Jerusalem's famous Wailing Wall.





Mick Mills of Ipswich — most League appearances for one club among our featured players.



Phil Neal — most consecutive League appearances among our First Division 'ever-presents'.



Swansea's Robbie James — the top goalscorer among those players who never missed a League match last season.

An exclusive 'Match Weekly' guide to last season's First Division 'ever-presents' — those players who never missed a League game — compiled by Melvyn Beck.

Mr CONSISTENCY!

DIVISION ONE

Club	Player	Total apps. for club	Total league apps.	Goals last season	Total goals for club	Total goals in career
ARSENAL	Kenny Sansom	84	256	0	3	6
	Brian Talbot	144	321	7	15	40
ASTON VILLA	Jimmy Rimmer	209	384	0	0	0
	Gordon Cowans	214	214	6	31	31
IPSWICH	Steve McCall	83	83	1	2	2
	Mick Mills	580	580	3	22	22
	John Wark	222	222	18	69	69
LEEDS	John Lukic	117	117	0	0	0
LIVERPOOL	Bruce Grobbelaar	42	66	0	0	1
	Phil Neal	317	503	2	27	56
	Kenny Dalglish	202	202	13	78	78
MAN. CITY	Kevin Reeves	90	272	13	27	84
MAN. UNITED	Arthur Albiston	192	192	1	2	2
	Ray Wilkins	92	271	1	3	33
MIDDLESBRO	Jim Platt	378	395	0	0	0
NOTTS COUNTY	Raddy Avramovic	113	113	0	0	0
STOKE	Paul Bracewell	88	88	1	3	3
SWANSEA	Robbie James	354	354	14	90	90
TOTTENHAM	Steve Perryman	516	516	1	27	27
WEST BROM	John Wile	469	587	0	24	31
WEST HAM	Ray Stewart	121	121	10	25	25
WOLVES	Paul Bradshaw	190	268	0	0	0

NEW stars emerge each season at Anfield as the Liverpool success story rolls on, but England's Phil Neal continues to repel all pretenders to his defensive berth.

It's a tribute to his consistency that the former Northampton full-back hasn't missed a League match in nearly eight years.

And that adds up to an incredible 316 consecutive First Division appearances in seven and a half seasons on Merseyside.

He has been a permanent fixture in the Liverpool defence since the 2-0 home defeat of Luton on December 14, 1974... two months after his £60,000 transfer from Northampton.

He was manager Bob Paisley's first signing and in his eight years at Anfield, Phil has accumulated five Championship, three European Cup, a UEFA Cup and two League Cup winners' medals.

But dependable Phil still has some way to go before re-writing the record books.

In the late forties and early fifties Harold Bell chalked up 401 consecutive League appearances for Liverpool's unfashionable Merseyside neighbours Tranmere.

Phil was one of three ever-present players in the

Champions' line-up last season.

During last season Phil, currently on duty in Spain with the England squad, also completed his 500th League game.

But two other First Division 'ever-presents', West Brom's John Wile and Ipswich's Mick Mills, will have their eyes on the 600 mark next season.

● Next week: FOCUS ON THE 'ever-presents' in Division Two.



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Celtic skipper Danny McGrain hoists the Scottish Premier Division trophy aloft for the second successive season as he is carried shoulder-high by delighted team-mates.

SALUTE

'Match' pays tribute to Scottish Premier Division Champions Celtic... and reporter Anthony Hawkswell discovers that their top scorer may be England-bound.

CELTIC'S leading goalscorer George McCluskey wants to play in the English First Division.

George, whose 21 goals helped Celtic to their second successive Premier Division title, admits: "I've always fancied playing south of the border."

His contract at Parkhead ends in July, although he's got the option of signing on for another year with the Glasgow giants.

"If the club make me a good offer, I'll be happy to stay at Celtic next season," says George, who joined the club straight from school.

"I haven't spoken to anyone about my future, but I expect to do so when we report back for training.

"But I'm ambitious and want to advance my career. It would be nice to try my luck in England. I wouldn't be scared of the challenge.

"There's a bigger and better atmosphere in the English First Division. At the moment, I'm waiting to see how things turn out. I haven't had any approaches from English clubs."

CELTIC'S TEN-YEAR LEAGUE RECORD

Season	Division	Position
1971-72	One	1st
1972-73	One	1st
1973-74	One	1st
1974-75	One	1st
1975-76	One	2nd
1976-77	Premier	1st
1977-78	Premier	5th
1978-79	Premier	1st
1979-80	Premier	2nd
1980-81	Premier	1st
1981-82	Premier	1st

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GEORGE WANTS TO

PLAY IN ENGLAND

As Celtic bid to hold on to their star, one of the big factors in their favour is the club's involvement in the European Cup.

And George is keen to make up for last season's First Round exit at the hands of crack Italian side Juventus.

"We were really sick to go out so early. We'll be hoping for a much kinder draw in the First Round next season.

"Aston Villa did well to win the European Cup and we'd love to emulate them next year. I certainly feel we are as good a side."

Proud Celtic were the first British winners of the trophy when they beat Italy's Inter Milan 2-1 back in 1967. In recent years, of course, the competition has been dominated by English clubs.

"The biggest stumbling block for us has been our away form. We never seem to have any good results abroad.

"We lost 2-0 last season against Juventus and the year before we were held to a 0-0 draw by Irish side, Dundalk.

"A couple of good results in the First Round of next season's competition would do wonders for our confidence."

Since the Scottish Premier Division was formed, Celtic have won the title four times in six years, but George admits it's getting harder every year.

And it's not just arch city rivals Rangers that are providing the opposition to Celtic's Scottish stranglehold. Last season Aberdeen pushed them to the very last game.

Nail-biting

It was a nail-biting finale to the campaign. On the last Saturday, challengers Aberdeen were 4-0 up at half-time in their game against Rangers, while Celtic were being held 0-0 by St Mirren.

"It was a good job no-one told us the Aberdeen score at the interval. That would have put even more pressure on us," says George.

"It wasn't until the 68th minute that I scored. We relaxed after that and ran out 3-0 winners."

Aberdeen's tremendous end of season surge — they were unbeaten in their last 20 games — really put the wind up the defending champions. "We kept waiting for them to lose, but they never did. It was an incredible run," says George.

"Throughout the season, Aberdeen kept us on our toes. We knew that if we slipped up, they'd be waiting in the wings to take our place.

"In the end, they rounded off a brilliant season by capturing the Scottish FA Cup.

"The emergence of teams like Aberdeen and Dundee United has been good for Scottish football. Of course, it means that we don't get everything our own way, but that's the way it should be.

"The better the sides you play against, the sharper you are," says George.

"It was a great thrill to win the Championship again. The fact that I'd done it before certainly didn't lessen the occasion.

"It was also fabulous to finish up as the Premier Division's leading scorer. Much of the credit for my goals must go to the rest of the lads. We've worked as a team."

George believes that the turning point in Celtic's title ambitions came in April when they beat city neighbours Rangers 2-1 at Parkhead.

"I was one of about five regulars who had to sit that one out through injury, but we showed our strength in depth with a 2-1 win."

On the scoresheet that afternoon was the name of the young midfielder who burst on to the Scottish scene last season — Danny Crainie.

"He did brilliantly last season. He hadn't played that much when he lined up against Rangers and yet he did so well.

"Playing against Rangers for the first time is a terrifying experience, but he didn't let the occasion overawe him at all.

"Danny is fabulous to play alongside. He's always making himself available for a pass. He's got tremendous potential."

George also pays tribute to the Celtic fans who follow the players home and away.

"They were one of the main reasons we won the title.

"Whether we are home or away they are always the noisiest supporters. It must be a daunting prospect for the opposition."



Celtic's top scorer George McCluskey — "It was a great thrill to win the Championship again."

CELTIC'S ROUTE TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Date	Opponents	Score	Scorers	Att.
Aug. 29	Airdrie (h)	5-2	Burns, McCluskey 2, McGarvey, Nicholas	21,100
Sep. 5	Aberdeen (a)	3-1	McGarvey 2, Burns	20,000
Sep. 12	Morton (h)	2-1	MacLeod, McAdam	19,900
Sep. 19	Rangers (a)	2-0	MacLeod, McAdam	45,000
Sep. 26	Partick (h)	2-0	Nicholas, Burns	15,200
Oct. 3	Dundee (a)	3-1	McCluskey 2, McGarvey	13,254
Oct. 10	St Mirren (a)	2-1	Nicholas, McCluskey	16,441
Oct. 17	Dundee Utd (h)	1-1	McCluskey	23,000
Oct. 24	Hibernian (a)	0-1		18,000
Oct. 31	Airdrie (a)	3-1	Sullivan, McCluskey pen, Burns	13,500
Nov. 7	Aberdeen (h)	2-1	McGarvey, McCluskey	29,326
Nov. 14	Morton (a)	1-1	McCluskey	14,500
Nov. 21	Rangers (h)	3-3	McAdam, McGarvey, MacLeod	48,600
Nov. 28	Partick (a)	2-0	McCluskey, Provan	17,750
Dec. 5	Dundee (h)	3-1	McGarvey 2, Conroy	14,570
Jan. 9	Rangers (a)	0-1		42,000
Jan. 30	Aberdeen (a)	3-1	McCluskey pen., McStay, MacLeod	19,000
Feb. 2	Hibernian (h)	0-0		16,700
Feb. 6	Dundee (a)	3-1	MacLeod 2, McGarvey	11,373
Feb. 20	Partick (h)	2-2	McCluskey, Aitken	15,200
Feb. 27	Hibernian (a)	0-1		15,914
Mar. 3	Morton (h)	1-0	McGarvey	9,000
Mar. 13	St Mirren (a)	5-2	MacLeod 2, McCluskey, Burns, Sullivan	17,084
Mar. 20	Airdrie (h)	2-0	Burns, Sullivan	12,000
Mar. 27	Aberdeen (h)	0-1		30,080
Mar. 31	Dundee Utd (a)	2-0	Burns 2	15,000
Apr. 3	Morton (a)	1-1	Crainie	10,500
Apr. 10	Rangers (h)	2-1	Crainie, McAdam	49,144
Apr. 14	Airdrie (a)	5-1	Aitken, Crainie, McCluskey, Provan, Reid pen.	12,000
Apr. 17	Dundee (h)	4-2	McCluskey 2, Reid pen., Provan	14,288
Apr. 21	Dundee Utd (h)	3-1	McCluskey 2, Provan	14,659
Apr. 24	Partick (a)	3-0	Crainie 3	14,200
May 1	Hibernian (h)	6-0	Burns, Crainie, MacLeod 2, Aitken, McCluskey	16,064
May 3	St Mirren (h)	0-0		27,395
May 8	Dundee Utd (a)	0-3		16,779
May 15	St Mirren (h)	3-0	McCluskey 2, McAdam	39,369

● Celtic's scores first in each case.

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THE FANS' CHOICE

Stags hero shown the door

MIDFIELDER Noel Parkinson was voted **Mansfield Town Supporters Club 'Player of the Year'**... and then forced to go on the free transfer list.

The 22-year-old former Ipswich player — a £30,000 buy two years ago — was one of the few bright spots in a depressing season for 'The Stags.'

They had been widely tipped for promotion, but ended up just one place above the dreaded re-election zone.

Noel is a victim of Mansfield's decline and cash crisis and he joins the hundreds of other players up and down the country who are chasing the few playing vacancies that exist.

"I was offered new terms by the club but my salary was reduced to such an extent that I didn't think it was financially viable for me to stay," says Noel.

"I'm getting married soon and that means I'll also have a wife to support. I felt there was no way I could do that on what Mansfield offered me."

"If I had signed another contract with Mansfield there was no way of ensuring that I wouldn't be in the same position this time next year."

"If I don't get fixed up this time round it's pointless going on as a footballer. It would be a big blow to leave the game, but I'd learn to live with it."

"At the moment I'm in limbo. I don't know what's going to happen to me. There are a lot of players chasing a limited number of jobs this summer."

"I've had a couple of offers from clubs but at the moment



Mansfield's 'Player of the Year' Noel Parkinson — 'rewarded' with a free transfer.

it's just a matter of sitting by the telephone and waiting for something concrete to happen.

"I picked a bad year to win the supporters award. If the club weren't in such a poor financial state I'm sure I'd have been rewarded better."

Noel isn't sitting back waiting for things to happen. He's already preparing for the worst. This summer he's taken 'A' levels in English and General Studies to complement the nine 'O' levels he achieved while at school.

"You've got to have at least six O's and two A's to get into a polytechnic nowadays," he says. "So I'm hoping my exam results will be favourable."

Noel joined Mansfield because he couldn't see a

future for himself at Portman Road. He explains: "Frans Thijssen, Arnold Muhren and John Wark are all internationals and there was no way I was going to break into the first team."

"Mansfield may not be a glamour club but the important thing to me was having first team football and playing in the Football League."

"Playing in the reserves for too long can be damaging. I looked upon the move to Field Mill as a way of establishing myself in a first team."

"I'm ambitious, I'd like to play in the highest grade possible. I've played in the Second Division and I know I can do it. All I'd like now is a break and the chance to prove myself."

PLAYERS OF THE YEAR DIVISION FOUR

		This season App.	Goals	Total for club App.	Goals
Aldershot	Les Briley	37	2	93	2
Blackpool	Iain Hesford	39	0	158	0
Bournemouth	Nigel Spackman	34	3	78	6
Bradford	Cec Podd	46	0	435	1
Bury	Craig Madden	46	35	128	56
Colchester	Kevin Bremner	46	22	80	30
Crewe	Sean Haslegrave	40	1	40	1
Darlington	David Speedie	43	17	87	21
Halifax	Bobby Davison	45	19	45	19
Hereford	Chris Price	41	10	169	12
Hull	Les Mutrie	43	27	63	32
Mansfield	Noel Parkinson	31	9	66	13
Northampton	Wakeley Gage	43	2	95	4
Peterborough	Micky Gynn	46	6	113	16
Port Vale	Ernie Moss	44	13	44	13
Rochdale	Alan Weir	32	0	96	3
Scunthorpe	Paul Moss	42	7	42	7
Sheff. Utd	Mike Trusson	44	11	83	19
Stockport	Osher Williams	45	9	109	16
Torquay	Brian Wilson	43	1	98	4
Tranmere	Steve Mungall	42	1	104	4
Wigan	Les Bradd	41	19	41	19
York	Keith Walwyn	43	23	43	23

● Only full League appearances are included in the table. At the time of going to Press, the Hartlepool award had still to be announced.

● **ALDERSHOT'S** Les Briley, Micky Gynn at Peterborough, David Speedie of Darlington were each nominated 'Player of the Year' by the fans for the second successive season.

Micky Gynn played in every League game last season and was justly rewarded for his consistency.

● **BRADFORD** City stalwart Cec Podd, ever-present in the League last season, took his total League appearances for the club to 435. During that marathon spell the full-back has only scored one goal and that came in August 1979 at Northampton, but he's still a big favourite with the fans as his award proves.



Second Division 'Matchman of the Year'
Martin O'Neill in action for Norwich against West
Brom in the FA Cup last season.

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FINDLAY
(Luton)

FOSTER
(Orient)

STANCLIFFE
(Rotherham)

DONAGHY
(Luton)

JONES
(Wrexham)

HILL
(Luton)

O'NEILL
(Norwich)

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HERO TOPS THE TABLE

NORTHERN IRELAND's World Cup skipper Martin O'Neill, the midfield inspiration behind Norwich City's immediate return to Division One, was the leading player in the Second Division last season.

After an undistinguished few months at Manchester City, the industrious general returned to Norwich to play an integral part in their late flourish.

He emerged with an average rating of 7.70 from Norwich's last twenty matches during which the 'Canaries' snatched 14 victories to regain their First Division passport.

And in the process, Martin also collected two successive 'Matchman of the Month' awards.

His return to the Second Division at the beginning of February denied Champions Luton a clean sweep of the Second Division honours.

Three of their players, skipper Brian Horton, midfield star Ricky Hill, and top scorer Brian Stein filled the next three places, and two others, Irish defender Mal Donaghy and

MATCHMAN OF THE YEAR

DIVISION TWO

PLAYER	CLUB	AVERAGE
1 Martin O'Neill	Norwich	7.70
2 Brian Horton	Luton	7.53
3 Brian Stein	Luton	7.45
4 Ricky Hill	Luton	7.42
5 Paul Walsh	Charlton	7.40
6 John Deehan	Norwich	7.28
7 Paul Stancliffe	Rotherham	7.26
8 Tony Currie	Q.P.R.	7.20
9 Mal Donaghy	Luton	7.16
10 Gary Megson	Sheff. Wed.	7.12
11 Steve Spriggs	Cambridge	7.09
12 Colin Foster	Orient	7.08
13 Trevor Aylott	Barnsley	7.04
14 Clive Walker	Chelsea	6.97
14 Luther Blissett	Watford	6.97
16 Mark Barham	Norwich	6.96
16 Billy Ronson	Wrexham	6.96
18 Ian Banks	Barnsley	6.95
19 Jake Findlay	Luton	6.94
20 Mike McCarthy	Barnsley	6.92
20 Jim McDonagh	Bolton	6.92
20 Eddie Niedzwiecki	Wrexham	6.92

goalkeeper Jake Findlay also figured in the top twenty.

Such was Luton's dramatic impact on the division last season that ten of their squad figured among the leading candidates in the four positional categories.

Scottish goalkeeper Findlay and twenty-goal ace Stein lead the charts for goalkeepers and strikers, with O'Neill obviously the top midfield operator.

But Luton were denied success in the defenders' chart by Rotherham centre-half Paul Stancliffe.

Stalwart

The ever-present stalwart, described by his player-manager, Emlyn Hughes, as 'one of the best central defenders in the country,' edged out Luton's Mal Donaghy, with young Orient player Colin Foster marking his first season with third place.

Bolton's Eire international Jim McDonagh, and Wrexham's Eddie Niedzwiecki, whose exploits couldn't prevent the Welsh club from going down, shared second place behind Findlay in the 'keepers' table.

● *Don't miss next week's issue when we will reveal the identity of the Third Division 'Matchman of the Year' and you can find out how your favourite player fared.*

The table above shows the top twenty most consistent performers in the Second Division last season together with their average mark for the year.

To qualify, players must have played in at least 20 League games for one club.

The tables below show the top ten most consistent performers in the various departments on the pitch together with their average mark for the season.

GOALKEEPERS

PLAYER	CLUB	AV.
1 Jake Findlay	Luton	6.94
2 Jim McDonagh	Bolton	6.92
2 Eddie Niedzwiecki	Wrexham	6.92
4 Bob Wardle	Shrewsbury	6.90
5 Kevin Carr	Newcastle	6.88
6 Chris Woods	Norwich	6.85
7 Mark Wallington	Leicester	6.80
8 Malcolm Webster	Cambridge	6.79
9 Steve Francis	Chelsea	6.78
10 Nigel Batch	Grimsby	6.76

★★★★★★★★★★★★

DEFENDERS

PLAYER	CLUB	AV.
1 Paul Stancliffe	Rotherham	7.26
2 Mal Donaghy	Luton	7.16
3 Colin Foster	Orient	7.08
4 Mike McCarthy	Barnsley	6.92
5 Paul Fletcher	Oldham	6.91
6 Joey Jones	Wrexham	6.88
7 John Brownlie	Newcastle	6.86
8 Mark Aizlewood	Luton	6.84
9 Kirk Stephens	Luton	6.82
9 Bob Hazell	Q.P.R.	6.82

★★★★★★★★★★★★

MIDFIELD

PLAYER	CLUB	AV.
1 Martin O'Neill	Norwich	7.70
2 Brian Horton	Luton	7.53
3 Ricky Hill	Luton	7.42
4 Tony Currie	Q.P.R.	7.20
5 Gary Megson	Sheff. Wed.	7.12
6 Steve Spriggs	Cambridge	7.09
7 Billy Ronson	Wrexham	6.96
8 Ian Banks	Barnsley	6.95
9 John Seasman	Rotherham	6.91
10 Lil Fucillo	Luton	6.89

★★★★★★★★★★★★

STRIKERS

PLAYER	CLUB	AV.
1 Brian Stein	Luton	7.45
2 Paul Walsh	Charlton	7.40
3 John Deehan	Norwich	7.28
4 Trevor Aylott	Barnsley	7.04
5 Clive Walker	Chelsea	6.97
5 Luther Blissett	Watford	6.97
7 Mark Barham	Norwich	6.96
8 Steve White	Luton	6.90
8 Gary Bannister	Sheff. Wed.	6.90
10 David Moss	Luton	6.86

★★★★★★★★★★★★



Luton skipper Brian Horton — runner-up in the race for Second Division 'Matchman of the Year' and one of five Luton players in our select XI.



Jake Findlay — the Luton 'keeper' was most consistent between the sticks in the Second Division last season.



Above: Super start for the Scots! Kenny Dalglish (on ground) squeezes the ball past New Zealand 'keeper Van Hattum after only 19 minutes. Gordon Strachan gets ready to celebrate.

SCOTLAND



Above right: Wondrous Wark. Two-goal-hero John Wark stabs home the first of his goals to give Scotland an early 2-0 lead.

Above: Victory run! John Wark celebrates his first goal and Scotland are on their way to a 5-2 win over the New Zealanders.





THE BRAVE!



Above: Precision from 'Master Blaster' Zico (10) as he bends a beauty round the Scotland wall for Brazil's equaliser. The ball can just be seen under the arm of Luizinho (4).

Left: It's celebration time again for the brilliant Brazilians. Zico (10), Junior and Falcao congratulate Eder on his superb goal which gave them a 3-1 lead over Scotland.

Right: The amazing left foot of Eder crashes the ball past Scotland's Strachan, Wark and Hartford towards Alan Rough's goal.

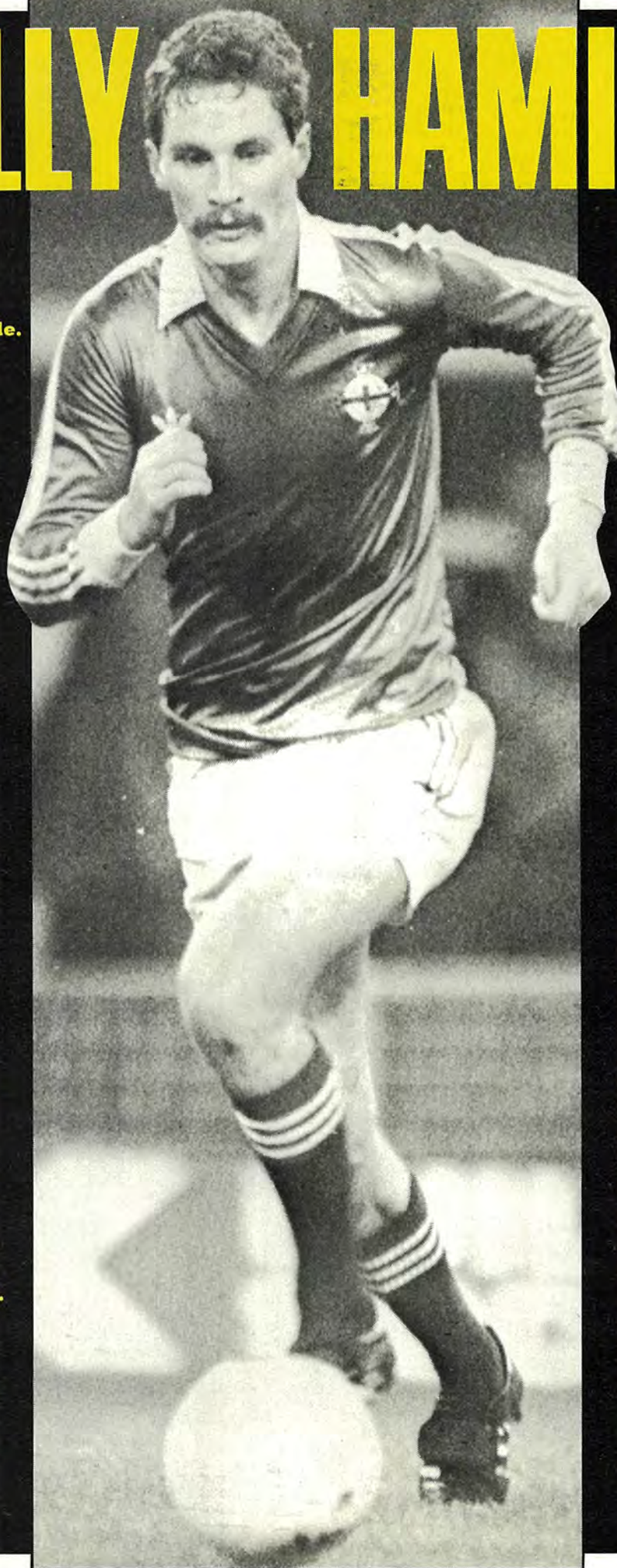
Above: Moment of glory for the brave Scots as David Narey opens the scoring with a cracker just inside the box. It provided some consolation in a 4-1 defeat.



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striker...

BILLY HAMILTON

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MARRIED: Yes, to Isabelle.
CHILDREN: None.
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PREVIOUS CLUBS: Linfield and Queen's Park Rangers.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Student teacher.
WORST EVER INJURY: None so far, touch wood!
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FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Tottenham.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Diego Maradona — he has unbelievable skill.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Jennings (N. Ireland), Cohen, Charlton J., Moore, Cooper (all England), Brady (Eire), Bremner (Scotland), Charlton R. (England), Best (N. Ireland), Greaves, Withe (both England).
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Jennings (N. Ireland), Alberto (Brazil), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Moore, Cooper (both England), Zico (Brazil), Maradona (Argentina), Netzer (W. Germany), Pele (Brazil), Best (N. Ireland), Rummenigge (W. Germany).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Preston.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Stadium of Light, Lisbon.
BEST GOAL SCORED: One at Newport in the 1980-81 season.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: A George Best goal for San Jose.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Don't want him to know.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My home debut for Northern



Ireland against Scotland in May 1980.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Qualifying for the World Cup Finals.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being relegated from the Second Division with Burnley two years ago.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf and rugby.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Scoring goals and winning.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Losing and traffic jams.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Mick Jagger.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Tea.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Sweden.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood and Jane Seymour.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Raiders of the Lost Ark.
BEST FRIEND: My old mates in Belfast.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My Dad.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Losing.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Boiled egg and bacon.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 18 caps for Northern Ireland.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To score goals in the World Cup Finals.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Own business, hopefully!
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Burnley's Trevor Steven.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Mick Jagger.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Enjoy the game.

Billy Hamilton

TOP STOPPERS DIVISION FOUR

Pos.	Player	Club	Games	Goals	Mins played per goal
1	Ian Leigh	Bournemouth	36	27	120
2 (7)	Neil Ramsbottom	Bradford	34 (20)	29 (26)	106 (76)
3 (9)	Keith Waugh	Sheff. United	45 (45)	40 (52)	101 (81)
4	Roy Tunks	Wigan	31	29	96
5 (20)	Drew Brand	Hereford	32 (22)	33 (34)	87 (58)
6 (23)	Mark Harrison	Port Vale	46 (24)	49 (41)	84 (53)
7	Iain Hesford	Blackpool	39	43	82
8	Scott Endersby	Tranmere	43	48	81
9	John Brown	Bury	27	31	78
10	Lee Smeit	Halifax	34	41	75
11	Mike Walker	Colchester	46	57	73
12	Neil Freeman	Peterborough	41	51	72
13 (15)	Vince O'Keefe	Torquay	46 (45)	58 (61)	71 (66)
14	Tony Norman	Hull	36	47	69
15	Terry Poole	Rochdale	27	36	68
16 (6)	Pat Cuff	Darlington	46 (30)	62 (32)	67 (84)
17	Brian Lloyd	Stockport	45	63	64
18 (4)	Glen Johnson	Aldershot	45 (42)	67 (38)	60 (99)
19 (18)	Joe Neenan	Scunthorpe	44 (44)	75 (66)	53 (60)
20 (3)	Rod Arnold	Mansfield	45 (39)	80 (34)	51 (103)
21	Andy Poole	Northampton	46	84	49
22 (18)	Eddie Blackburn	York	30 (44)	55 (63)	49 (63)
23 (13)	Ken Mulhearn	Crewe	42 (46)	78 (61)	48 (68)
24	Martin Burleigh	Hartlepool	36	70	46

● Figures in brackets indicate positions and totals of goalkeepers who played in the Fourth Division the previous season.

The first column after the player's name and club in the table shows the number of games played. The second column shows the number of goals conceded, and the third column is the average number of minutes' play between each goal.

For instance, Tranmere's Scott Endersby conceded, on average, one goal every 81 minutes.

Only Football League matches have been used in the compilation of this table and only goalkeepers who played in at least twenty games qualified for inclusion.

Division Four's
'Top Stopper'
Ian Leigh.



Few shots get past Leigh . . .

IAN Leigh, promoted Bournemouth's young goalkeeper, was the Fourth Division's 'Top Stopper' last season.

And that completed a remarkable first season for the youngster who began the campaign in the reserves waiting for his senior chance.

That came in October when Kenny Allen broke an arm, and from that moment, he never looked back.

Bournemouth ended the season back in the Third Division after a seven-year absence, boasting the second best defensive record in the country after Manchester United.

Ian conceded just 27 goals in 36 matches and kept 16 clean sheets, for an impressive record of exactly two hours between each goal on average.

In fact, the top four places in the Fourth Division were filled by the goalkeepers of the promoted teams.

Bradford City's Neil Ramsbottom and Sheffield United's Keith Waugh also topped the 100 minute mark, while Wigan's Roy Tunks conceded, on average, a goal every 96 minutes.

The next two places were filled by two young goalkeepers who were down the bottom of the lists the previous season.

Port Vale's Mark Harrison improved his position by some 17 places and 31 minutes, while Hereford's Drew Brand made an improvement of 29 minutes and 15 places.

THE MEAN MACHINE



Sheffield United's Keith Waugh — showed a marked improvement on last season to finish third in the 'Top Stoppers' League.

STAR GALLERY



"Manchester City striker Trevor Francis excites the crowds with his skills," says A. Hunsley of Chadderton, Oldham, Greater Manchester.



New Scotland cap Allan Evans of Aston Villa is one of the best defenders in the Football League, according to Peter Cresswell (12), of Kingshurst, Birmingham.



"Pat Jennings of Northern Ireland and Arsenal is simply the greatest," says Paul Moore (13), of Muckamore, Antrim, Northern Ireland.

ARDILES TRAGEDY

THE DECISION by Osvaldo Ardiles never to return to English football with Tottenham is very sad for all the Spurs fans who, week in, week out, marvelled at the little fellow's incredible skill and guile.

Ardiles said in Spain that his decision never to return to White Hart Lane was "irreversible".

What a pity. With Glenn Hoddle and Ricky Villa or Mike Hazard, Ossie helped form the most skilful midfield in the country. Wherever he went, he made sure the fans got their money's worth.

We all remember the part he played in helping Spurs win the 100th FA Cup Final.

Sanjay Sehgal (16), Highams Park, Walthamstow.

● TAKE a look at Page 13. In another 'Match' exclusive, Ossie tells a different story to most of the reports coming out of Spain...

GOLDEN GOOF

LIVERPOOL's Sammy Lee can certainly whack a free-kick. But not quite as far as one Sunday newspaper reckons...

H. Shepherd of Hilltop-Dronfield, Derbyshire, spotted this Golden Goof.

Liverpool took the lead in the eighth minute with a goal from Sammy Lee. They were awarded a free kick after Dalglish was fouled by Bond and Lee's 300-yard free kick whistled in.



Osvaldo Ardiles in action during his last game for Spurs — against Leicester in the Semi-Finals of the FA Cup. It's so sad he won't play in England again says Sanjay Sehgal.

A system for thrills

OVER the season, I have been compiling my own First Division table, using a system which I think would produce more exciting football. It is based on six points for an away win; three for a home; one for an away draw and a point for each goal scored. Home draws and defeats score no points. This is how it looked at the end of the season:

Team	Points	Goals	Actual 1-ge pos
Liverpool	199	80	1
Ipswich	181	75	2
Spurs	157	67	4
Man. Utd.	157	59	3
Swansea	146	58	6
Southampton	143	72	7
Everton	131	56	8
Arsenal	131	48	5
West Ham	127	66	9
Aston Villa	124	55	11
Notts County	118	61	15
Coventry	117	56	14
Nottingham F.	116	42	12
Brighton	105	43	13
W.B.A.	100	46	17
Birmingham	96	53	16
Stoke	94	44	18
Sunderland	92	38	19
Man. City	91	50	10
Leeds	82	38	20
Wolves	73	32	21
Middlesbrough	72	34	22

There are no championship or relegation differences but, instead of a top ten place, Man. City would have narrowly missed relegation and Notts County would have been much higher placed. Jeremy Annon (12), Ulverston, Cumbria.

STARS ON 45

HERE's my football top ten:

- 1 Goal Finger — Ian Rush.
- 2 Super Trooper — Peter Withe.
- 3 Massage In A Bottle — Club physios.
- 4 Any Old Irons — West Ham.
- 5 This Old Scouse — Phil Thompson.
- 6 Shakin' All Over — Crewe Alexandra.
- 7 Baggy Trousers — West Brom.
- 8 We Are The Champions — Liverpool.
- 9 I Get Around — Tommy Docherty.
- 10 Money, Money, Money — Manchester City.

Ian Froude (15), Clevedon, Avon.

... and these are my soccer chart-busters:

- 1 You Win Again — Bobby Robson to Bob Paisley.
- 2 So Lonely — Brian Clough.
- 3 Stay — West Ham to David Cross.
- 4 Into The Valley — Charlton.
- 5 We'll Meet Again — Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa.
- 6 Ain't No Pleasing You — John Bond.
- 7 Don't You Want Me — Liam Brady to Juventus.
- 8 We'll Bring The House Down — Chelsea fans.
- 9 Money, Money, Money — Manchester United.
- 10 Turning Japanese — Liverpool, Arsenal, Ipswich and Middlesbrough.

Andrew Redman, Deal, Kent.

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS 'Match' on your superb 'World Cuporama' wallchart and magazine, given away free earlier this month.

It had everything — colour pictures, dates, times of matches and even a dice game. I was going to buy a special World Cup wallchart but, because 'Cuporama' had everything I wanted, including pictures of the stars to stick on, I didn't need to!

Jonathan Elliott, Broadstone, Dorset.

Men of the moment

MY favourite team is made of real "men":

Freeman (Peterborough), Gidman (Manchester Utd), Lohman (Watford), Salman (Brentford), Osman (Ipswich), Perryman (Spurs), Leman (Wrexham), Kynman (Hull), Chapman (Stoke), Newman (Bristol City), Silkman (Orient). Sub: Hemmerman (Portsmouth). Angela Stebbings, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

NEAL STEADIES THE REDS...



SO Liverpool have once again won the League Championship but one man who hardly gets a mention is Phil Neal.

Phil hasn't missed a single game for Liverpool over the past seven seasons and has been one of the most consistent players ever to perform on the Anfield turf.

I am the first to acknowledge that he is not a 'great' footballer like a Dalglish or a Souness but, while Liverpool have been through a transition, Phil has quietly kept the number two shirt on his

back.

Critics should remember that Bob Paisley has kept faith in his ability over the past eight seasons. Indeed, he was Paisley's first signing in '74. And as Paisley is the most successful manager in British football history, he should know! Best of luck Phil for the future — and I hope things have gone well for you in Spain!
Julie Waters, 16, Ware, Herts.

Winning ways

THE Football League deserves a pat on the back for introducing the three points for a win system last season. It certainly produced some entertaining football.

Under the new system, a draw is almost as bad as a defeat. So teams had to go out and attack away from home.

It also produced a thrilling end to the season with so many promotion and relegation issues being decided on the last Saturday of the season.

Three points for a win has been a total success.

Anthony Timlin, Dibble, Leeds.

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Phil Neal — one of the most consistent players ever to perform on the Anfield turf says Julie Waters.

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Tony's torment

I WAS outraged and very, very surprised to learn that Aston Villa winger Tony Morley had been omitted from England's World Cup 22.

Tony is a very talented player and will be sorely missed. How can Ron Greenwood decide to include Tony's team-mate, Peter Withe, yet leave out the Villa winger when Morley outshines Withe every time they play together?

Ron shouldn't have left out Alvin Martin, either. Leigh Chapman, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

● IF Ron Greenwood thinks that England play better without an out-and-out winger, then there's not much point in taking one to Spain — even one as talented as Tony Morley. You're booked.

OUTRAGED! GALLERY GRIPEs

I AM outraged to see some appalling drawings in Match Weekly's 'Star Gallery'. Some of the footballers the readers try to draw don't even look like footballers at all.

In fact, some of the drawings don't even look like human beings. I would advise the judge who chooses the drawings to be more careful in future. Hin-Lun Chan, Carshalton, Surrey.

● HOW many unsuccessful attempts have you made to get into 'Star Gallery'? You're sent off... for knocking the efforts of some promising young artists.

I AM outraged at 'Match' because you are biased towards England and against the Scots.

In Melvyn Beck's World Cup A to Z, he said that England would reach the World Cup Semi-Finals and that Scotland were due for a First Round exit. C. Arogan, Sunderland, Tyne-and-Wear.

● THAT'S not bias, that's common sense! You're booked.



Axe Keegan

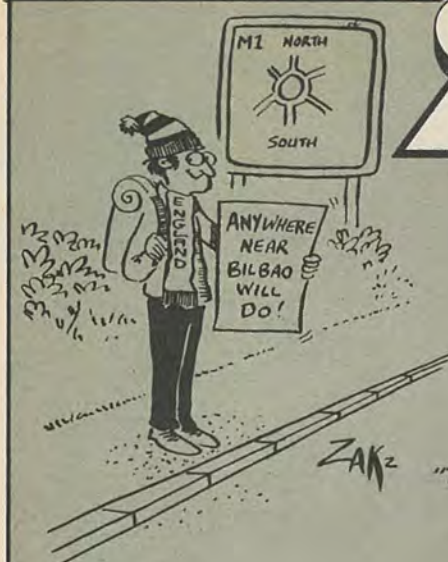
I AM outraged that every England team named includes Kevin Keegan.

Even against poor old Finland, Keegan was there. I don't know what Ron Greenwood sees in him. Keegan has even been allocated the number seven shirt in England's 22, when the rest of the players get their numbers in alphabetical order.

It's about time Greenwood gave Keegan the chop! Trevor Cutlip, Chester, Cheshire.

● HAVEN'T you heard the immortal line about Kev — "Jesus Saves... but Keegan scores on the rebound". Kevin is England's inspiration — and you're booked.

It's Fun Time



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"The gentleman wants to know the purpose of our visit."



ZAKZ

"I don't like it! We've got sweatbands and our goalkeeper's got sun tan oil."

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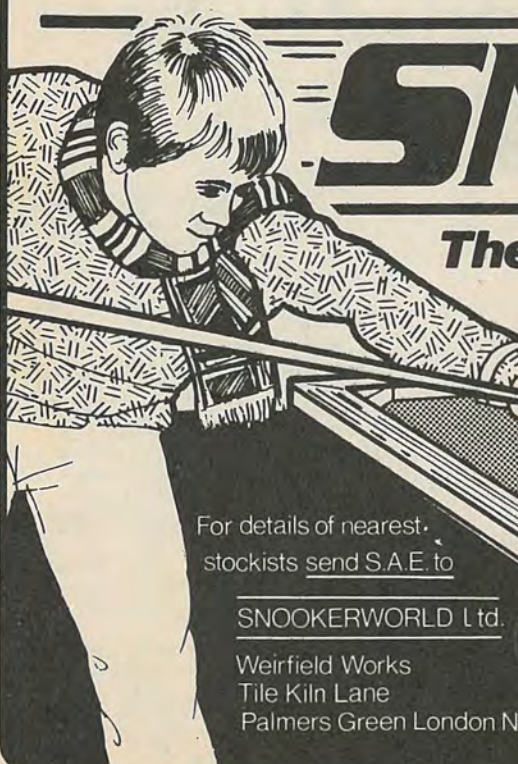
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RANGERS REVOLUTION JARDINE GOES IN IBROX CLEAR-OUT

RANGERS' shock free transfer Sandy Jardine admits: "It's the end of an era at Ibrox."

The departure of Sandy, who made more than 750 appearances for the club, and fellow stalwarts Tom Forsyth and Colin Jackson is the final act in the breaking-up of the glorious team of the 1970's.

The trio all played a major part in

the Glasgow giants' fantastic decade of success which brought three titles, four Scottish Cup and four League Cup wins, plus a European Cup-Winners' Cup victory. Says Sandy:

"Manager John Greig has decided that it's time to rebuild for the future. The time was right for me to leave Ibrox.

"He's got a lot of good young players on the staff, but it will take them a little time to knit into a Championship challenging side.

"It's going to be difficult for them next season because the supporters will still demand them to win things.

"It's the end of an era because our older ones are on our way, but it was also the end of an era when we joined the club. We took over from established stars then.

"I've had a great career at Rangers and I'm happy with a free transfer. I feel I need a new challenge," says 33-year-old Sandy, who joined Rangers in April 1965.

"I'm a realist. I know that I can't go on forever. I left Rangers when I wanted to leave. I've had a few offers from other clubs and I'll take my time before making a decision. I've got confidence in my own ability and know I can still play in the Premier Division.

"I'm not going to say how long I'll stay in football. No-one can predict that. But at the moment I'm feeling as fit as ever and looking forward to a new lease of life.

"I've had so many great times at Ibrox that it's difficult to pick out any one outstanding memory. There have been so many fabulous cup successes.

"I was absolutely delighted to make my 750th appearance for the club. That was a great milestone to pass," says Sandy, whose last appearance in the famous blue of Rangers was in the Scottish Cup Final against Aberdeen last season. Sandy's 13th Hampden cup final appearance proved unlucky. Rangers lost 4-1.

THE FANS' CHOICE . . . AND FREE TRANSFERS Scottish Premier Division

ABERDEEN

Player of the Year: No official award. Free transfers: Billy Muir.

AIRDRIE

Player of the year: No award. Free transfers: Alan Davidson, Harry Erwin, Steve Richardson, David Thompson, Francis Close, Tommy Walker, Pat McCluskey, Albert Burnett.

CELTIC

Player of the year: Tommy Burns. Free transfers: John Weir, Martin Stanton, Paul Nicholas, David Kenny.

DUNDEE

Player of the year: Bobby Glennie. Free transfers: Les Barr, Paul Smith, Ian Matthewson.

DUNDEE UNITED

Player of the year: Paul Sturrock. Free transfers: Raymond McWalter, Andrew Gilmartin.

HIBERNIAN

Player of the year: Craig Patterson. Free transfers: Tom Aitchison, Carlo Croller, Alan Irvine, Alistair MacLeod, Martin Munro, Willie McLaren.

MORTON

Player of the year: Davie Hayes. Free transfers: Drew Busby (now player manager of Queen's Park).

RANGERS

Player of the year: Still to be announced. Free transfers: Robert Clark, Alex Forsyth, Tom Forsyth, Colin Jackson, Sandy Jardine, Alec Miller, Graham Watson.

ST MIRREN

Player of the year: Billy Thomson. Free transfers: — Details unavailable at time of going to Press.

PARTICK

Player of the year: Maurice Johnson. Free transfers: Tony Higgins, Joe Sweeney.

Sandy Jardine (left) in action for Rangers, being challenged for the ball by Forfar's Steve Hancock.



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Steve McMahon — made more appearances than any other player at Everton last season with 32.

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PLAYERS USED

HERE's the full list of players used by Liverpool in the League last season — together with their number of appearances for the club.

LIVERPOOL

PLAYER	League apps. 1981-82	Total League apps. for club
Kenny Dalglish	42	202
Bruce Grobbelaar	42	42
Alan Hansen	35	161
David Johnson	14	148
Craig Johnston	14	14
Alan Kennedy	33	126
Ray Kennedy	15	275
Mark Lawrenson	37	37
Sammy Lee	35	83
Terry McDermott	29	230
Phil Neal	42	317
Ian Rush	32	39
Kevin Sheedy	1	2
Graeme Souness	35	169
Phil Thompson	34	316
Ronnie Whelan	32	33

HERE's the full list of players used by Everton in the League last season — together with their number of appearances for the club.

EVERTON

PLAYER	League apps. 1981-82	Total league apps. for club
Alan Ainscow	15	15
Jim Arnold	16	16
John Bailey	12	85
Alan Biley	18	18
Brian Borrows	15	15
Peter Eastoe	18	94
Mick Ferguson	7	7
Asa Hartford	7	81
Adrian Heath	22	22
Mark Higgins	29	99
Alan Irvine	25	25
Howard Kendall	4	234
Paul Lodge	12	23
Mick Lyons	26	389
Joe McBride	8	57
Steve McMahon	32	66
Eamon O'Keefe	10	39
Kevin Ratcliffe	25	48
Kevin Richardson	17	17
Stuart Rimmer	2	2
Trevor Ross	28	124
Graeme Sharp	27	33
Nev Southall	26	26
Gary Stevens	19	19
Mickey Thomas	10	10
Mike Walsh	18	18
Billy Wright	24	149

LIVERPOOL's thirteenth Championship success proved once again that a settled side is so vital in the title race.

The Anfield giants used only 16 different players last season — the average number used by title-winning sides over the past ten years.

Yet down the road at Goodison Park, Everton used a staggering 27 players —

the most fielded by any of the leading clubs.

Only West Brom used more and they only just avoided relegation.

'Match' analyses the player records of the two Merseyside rivals and talks to one of the Everton stars who was a victim of the chopping and changing that went on ...

THE RECORDS

LIVERPOOL

SEASON	No. of players used	League pos.
1972-73	16	1st
1973-74	20	2nd
1974-75	18	2nd
1975-76	19	1st
1976-77	17	1st
1977-78	20	2nd
1978-79	15	1st
1979-80	17	1st
1980-81	23	5th
1981-82	16	1st

● Only once in the last ten seasons have Liverpool used more than 20 different players in one season ... and that coincided with their lowest League position over the period.

EVERTON

SEASON	No. of players used	League pos.
1972-73	27	17th
1973-74	24	7th
1974-75	25	4th
1975-76	27	11th
1976-77	24	9th
1977-78	21	3rd
1978-79	23	4th
1979-80	24	19th
1980-81	22	15th
1981-82	27	8th

● Never in the last ten years have Everton used less than 20 players in one season and their best League position over the period came in the season they used least players.

TITLE WINNERS

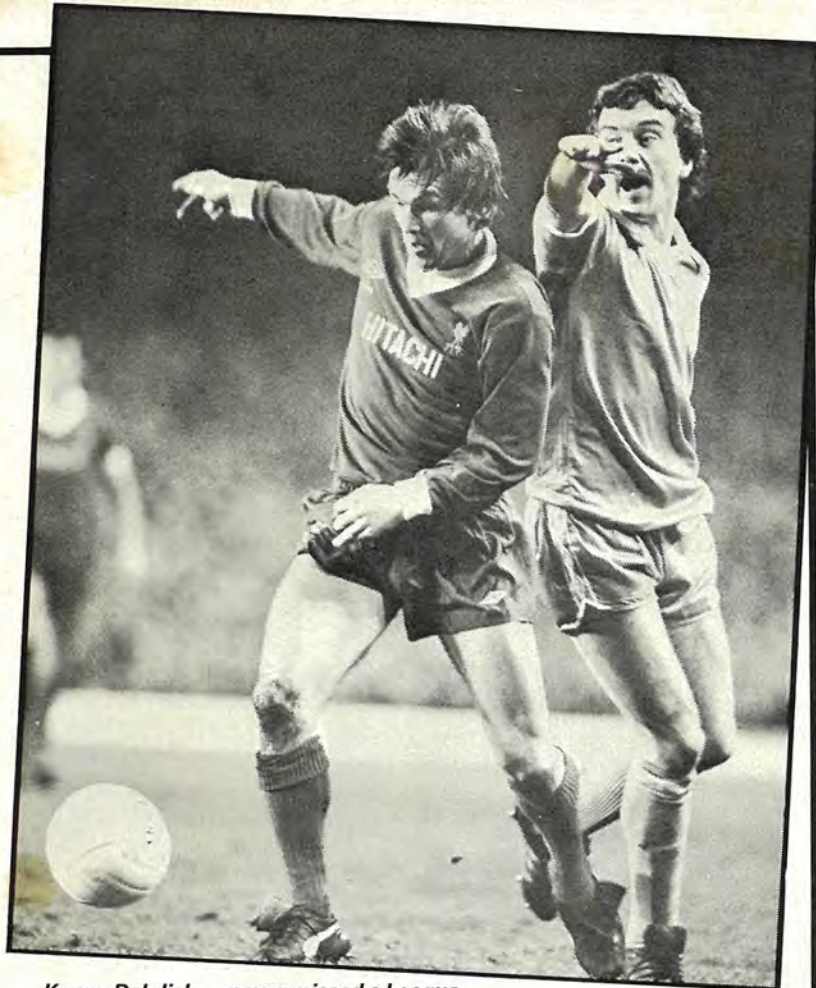
THE table below shows the number of players used by the First Division Champions over the past ten seasons.

SEASON	CLUB	Players used
1972-73	Liverpool	16
1973-74	Leeds	20
1974-75	Derby County	16
1975-76	Liverpool	19
1976-77	Liverpool	17
1977-78	Nott'm Forest	16
1978-79	Liverpool	15
1979-80	Liverpool	17
1980-81	Aston Villa	14
1981-82	Liverpool	16

● Average number of players used by a Championship winning side is: 16.6.

Everton's Joe McBride — lost his place in the side after making eight League appearances and never won it back.





Kenny Dalglish — never missed a League match for Liverpool last season.

ALL CHANGE AT EVERTON

TRANSFER-listed Joe McBride studied Everton's amazing player turnover and declared: "It is an awful lot of players to use in one season."

"None of the lads were sure whether they'd be playing."

"You could be back one week and out the next — except in my case. Once I lost my place, I never got back!"

The season was a month old before Joe made his first appearance — coming on as substitute for Steve McMahon in the 1-0 home victory over West Brom.

But he says: "I was half-expecting not to make the starting line-up because the club had bought Mickey Thomas from Manchester United in the close season."

"I forced my way back into the side and made the starting line-up for the next seven matches."

"But we suffered three defeats in a row against Manchester City, Liverpool and Sunderland and I found myself out of the side again."

Everton lost their next game, too — going down 1-0 at Arsenal — but Joe never got another first team chance.

"I thought I was getting back in

the New Year. I'd made the substitutes' bench a couple of times, but then I was sidelined by injury for seven weeks and that put paid to my season."

"It's definitely one I want to forget."

Joe joined Everton straight from school in September 1976. He also had offers from both Manchester clubs and Arsenal, but chose to go to Goodison and has enjoyed six happy years.

With his contract up at the end of next month, he still doesn't know where his future lies . . . but he hopes it will still be with Everton.

"The manager put me on the list two months ago so now I'm just keeping an open mind and waiting to see what comes up before the start of the new season."

"As far as I know the manager hasn't named a price, but I believe Rotherham made a bid for me which was turned down."

"I want to keep playing in England and preferably in the First Division."

"I love Everton Football Club and I'd like to carry on my career at Goodison. I've never once regretted joining them and I believe the club could enjoy a very good season next term."

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They are: Richard Wall, Tilbury; William Thackray, Addington; Jason Lynam, Chesterfield; Colin Bunner, North Harrow; Kelyvn Cooper, Snaith; Stephen Rhodes, Shelf.

Ten runners-up each receive a copy of 'We Were There' sung by the England players of 1966.

They are: Michael Partridge, Cullompton; Michael Hefferman,

MATCH WINNERS

Bristol; Paula Lindsay, Basildon; Trevor Day, Impington; Nigel Seddon, Blackpool; Paul Manning, Canvey Island; P. Davies, Macclesfield; P. McCann, Stockport; Angela Boulton, Didcot; John McHardy, Dundee.



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